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In brief

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

• Enrolment in the Continuing Education programs at Niagara College has increased 14 per cent over last year. This is a stark contrast to the decrease over the past two years.

• Niagara College's Child Care Centre has expanded its services to accommodate children aged 6 to 12. The centre is offering a program for these children during after-school hours.

• The college is holding its second President's Advisory Forum later this month. Suggestions for topics to be discussed at the meeting are welcome at dpatterson@niagarac.on.ca or 735-2211 ext. 7568.

•Tony Lee returns to After Hours on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Doors open at 8 p.m.

•Head to the pub for comedy night next Wednesday, Oct. 15. Headlining the "All Black Comedy" night is Kenny Robinson.

•After Hours is hosting an Oktoberfest Pub next Thursday, Oct. 16. Doors open at 8 p.m.

•Niagara's men's basketball team heads to Sir Wilfrid Laurier University next Friday, Oct. 17. The exhibition game starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 735-2211, ext. 7583.

•Glen Foster and Rob Evans will be at After Hours for Comedy Night on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Doors open at 8 p.m.

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Lauren Taylor, 4, of Fonthill, breaks the rule for a quick photo at the Howell Family Pumpkin Farm last week. The farm is open every fall to celebrate Thanksgiving and Halloween.

Photo by Dan Dakin

420 diplomas presented

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's fall convocation was held Oct. 3. Three prestigious awards and 420 diplomas were presented at the ceremony.

An honorary diploma in international trade was presented to Mark Romoff, 48, Canadian consul general in Buffalo, N.Y. He also gave the convocation address.

Romoff has "promoted linkages between educational institutions in the bi-national area," said Niagara College President Dan Patterson.

Romoff has lectured to students in the International Trade program, "provided placements in his own office and has put us in touch with a number of internship, part-time and full-time employment opportunities," said Patterson.

Niagara Region Chair Brian Merrett received the Niagara Award. Merrett, 47, is a former Niagara Falls alderman.

Some criteria for the award include being someone who has brought recognition to the Niagara area, who has affected the community positively and who has demonstrated commitment over years of service.

Merrett was first elected as regional chair for the term 1991 to 1994. He was re-elected for the 1994-1997 term. He has served with a number of committees and boards since he began his political career in 1978 in Niagara Falls.

The Governor General's Award went to Peter Raymond, 24, a graduate of the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program. Raymond graduated with a 94.3 per cent average in June. He works with CTV's 24-hour news channel in Toronto as a production technician.

Certificates or diplomas were awarded to 420 students. The students graduated from a variety of programs, including business, health and community studies, environmental, general arts and science, health science preparatory, horticulture, information and computer technology, nursing, and tourism. The convocation was held at Centennial Secondary School in Welland.

For many students, the convocation was an opportunity to meet old friends. Crystal O'Neil, 30, a graduate of the Para-Medics program, said, "It gives you a chance to get back together with your classmates. It's also an opportunity to say thank you to your co-ordinators."

From left are Peter Raymond, broadcasting graduate, Brian Merrett, Niagara Region chair, Niagara College President Dan Patterson and Mark Romoff, Canadian Consul General.

Photo by Jonathon Narvey

Bagpipers are an added touch at Niagara College's fall convocation.

Photo by Jonathon Narvey

Diploma an asset

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

A college diploma proved to be an asset for a Niagara College student who graduated during the spring convocation.

Peter Raymond, 24, of North York, Ont., successfully completed the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program last June.

"The program was great and it landed me a really good job," Raymond said.

His new job, as a production technician, is with the Toronto CTV station working on the newly inaugurated News One. It's the 24-hour headline news station which "gives you the news when you want it."

Raymond earns more than $50,000 annually.

Raymond, originally from St. John's, Nfld., attended Memorial University in his home province.

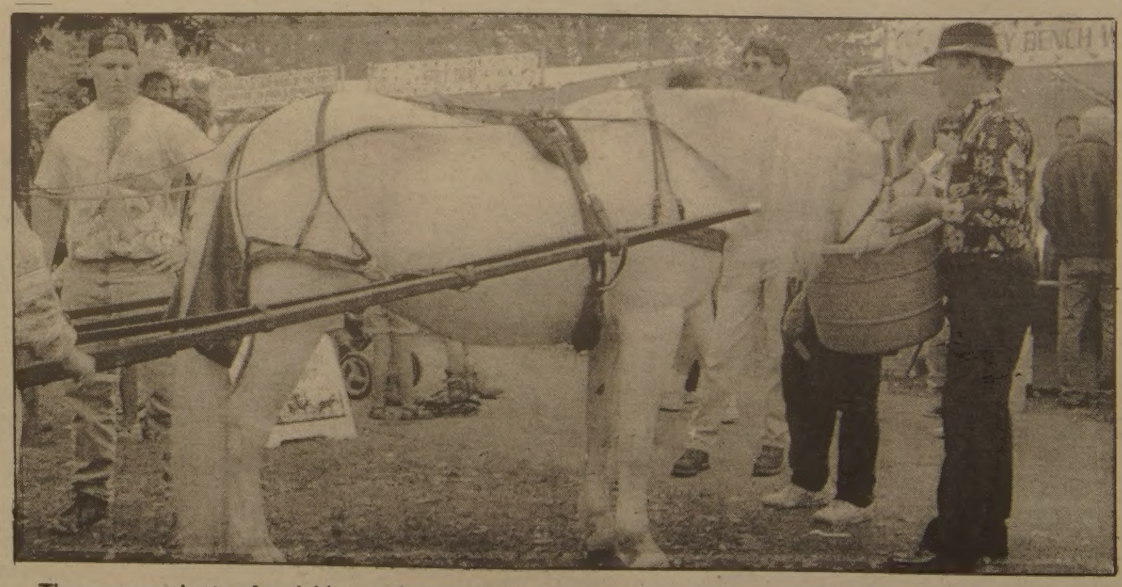
"I wanted a job in television so I applied to Niagara College," he said.

Raymond came to Ontario after being turned down at a local television station because, "they said, 'You don't have the educational experience we need.'"

Spurred on by that evaluation, Raymond entered the Niagara's broadcasting program graduating this year with a 94.3 per cent academic average. He received the Governor General's Academic Medal for scholastic achievement.

"I knew I wanted to work in T.V. and the broadcasting program helped me do that," Raymond said.

Before Henry Ford



There were plenty of activities and attractions at last weekend's Niagara Food Festival in Welland. Some used the provided shuttle bus as a form of transportation while others found their own ride.

Photo by Rachel Leech

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PARTNERSHIPS

College, police sign $4-million gun range deal

By JOHN PEAR
Staff Writer

A new $4-million gun range and Niagara Regional Police (NRP) training centre will be built at Niagara College's Welland campus.

The gun range and police training centre are part of a proposed new Niagara Centre of Excellence for Police and Justice Studies.

The new facility will be constructed north of the Mackenzie building with access off Rice Road. The college will provide two to three acres of land with access to water, sewer, electricity and hydro.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson praised the plan.

"It's another example of Niagara College's strong commitment to working in partnership ... they (the NRP) would bring a lot of their resources to the college, and, in turn, we can offer a lot to them in terms of library services, our gymnasium, our weight room; there are all sorts of opportunities.

"We're hoping that this will materialize into a full-fledged partnership," said the college president.

The centre will be wholly owned and operated by the police.

On Sept. 25, the Police Services Board approved the proposal, which hinges on getting regional government approval for $4 million in capital funding. The proposal will be discussed at a regional finance committee meeting on Oct. 8 and then onto Niagara Regional Council.

The Niagara College Board will meet over the next couple of weeks to approve the proposal.

This training facility will have offices to accommodate some of the specialized services training such as use-of-force training and judgment training. It will also have specialized classrooms as well as a fully enclosed indoor gun range. No noise problems are expected.

Since the gun range on Cataract Road is outdated, a new range is needed to comply with legislated requirements to meet mandatory training needs.

Bonnie Rose, the college's vice-president, academic, describes the proposed structure as being "state-of-the-art training facilities."

She says the college has a good working relationship with the police service and that "it's a win-win (situation)."

The Police Services Board is seeking $3 million in funding from the Niagara Region, $500,000 from the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System (OMERS) fund and the balance will be covered from existing funds.

No college funding will be used toward this project.

The police will have access to the college's gym, weight-training room, locker rooms, showers, and others services such as the library and studios. The new Student Residence will be available, although not through the entire year.

Students have already enjoyed the benefits of having police officers as either guest lecturers or teachers, says Rose.

The police service and the college are collaborating to provide a program called Advanced Justice Skills, which involves distance and on-site training. This program could be available as early as September 1998.

"I'm quite sure if you took a poll of other colleges as to whether they would want this type of opportunity, they would grab it and run," says Rose.

Chinese education officials take lessons from Niagara

By PAUL BASWICK
Staff Writer

Niagara College's alliance with private industry piqued the interest of Chinese Communist officials when People's Republic of China delegates met with college representatives on Oct. 1.

In a conference at the Maid of the Mist Centre for Hospitality and Tourism in Niagara Falls, Zhou Yuanqing, vice-minister of China's State Education Commission, joined Niagara College President Dan Patterson for a discussion of college operations.

"He was quite interested in how we get employers to donate equipment to us," said Patterson.

"We talked about keeping programs current through a linkage of industry and education."

Patterson said one of the vice-minister's goals was to learn how Canadian colleges are adapting to financial constraints.

"The vice-minister asked a lot of questions about the cost of education in Canada," he said. "He wanted to know what students are paying, and what our college is doing to help students."

Although the conference was conceived as a fact-finding session for the Chinese delegation, Patterson said the meeting gave both sides a chance to learn from the other.

"We talked about the possibilities of collaboration," said Patterson, "lending to an excellent dialogue on China's educational system."

The conference, including members of China's State Education Commission, the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (A.U.C.C.), the Chinese Consulate in Toronto and college executives, lasted about 50 minutes.

It was followed by dinner prepared by Niagara College students at the Maid of the Mist Centre.

Before the dinner, Patterson emphasized the importance to the college of the vice-minister's meeting.

"Vice-minister Zhou is, undoubtedly, one of the most senior government officials in China," he said.

"He is responsible for over 5 million students and 900 schools."

The conference was the last stop in the Chinese delegation's two-week-long tour of Canadian post-secondary schools.

The vice-minister and his entourage are now in Cuba meeting with educators there.

Patterson said the vice-minister's visit was "a great success."

"It was warm. From all indications, we found that this was one of the best experiences in terms of (the vice-minister) meeting officials."

Jail sentence, probation given for railroad tampering

By IAN ANDERSON
Staff Writer

A Niagara College student and his childhood friend were sentenced on Friday, Oct. 3.

The pair were sentenced to 30 days in jail and two years probation each for tampering with dozens of railway crossings around Niagara last spring. The two were also ordered to each pay back half of the $8,000 in expenses to repair the crossings.

George Walters, 19, a third-year student in the Construction Engineering Technology program, and his friend Jason Weir, 21, a roofer who is saving money to attend Niagara College, went on a six-week vandalism spree.

The pair damaged 39 crossings.

Niagara Regional Police caught them by staking out a crossing in Niagara Falls.

They pleaded guilty to the charges last month.

Neither man had a criminal record and they had many letters written in favor of their character. However, because of the severity of the crime, these factors could not keep the pair out of jail.

Taken from the St. Catharines Standard on Saturday, Oct. 5, 1997.

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A residential ribbon cutting

Niagara College President Dan Patterson (third from left) cuts the ribbon to open the new Student Residence on Thursday. With him from left are Melissa Burwell, assistant manager of the residence, Derek Wills, residence manager, Hans van der Slagt, college vice-president administration and Mary Lou Tremblay, residence housekeeping manager. The residence opened for students the week before school started.

Photo by Dan Dakin

Horticulture program accepts equipment

Burlington company donates learning tools

By JEFF SCHELHAS
Staff Writer

Tom Ball, co-ordinator of Niagara College's Horticulture program, received new equipment from G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd. recently on behalf of the Horticulture Centre.

The centre received four new pieces of equipment from the Burlington, Ont., company. These were a Mataway Overseeder/Dethatcher, a four-wheel turf tractor, a Ransome's Bobcat gear drive mid-size mower and a Bobcat 2T-200 reves.

G.C. Duke Equipment made this offer to all the college and university horticulture programs in Ontario and Quebec. Twelve schools have accepted.

"We want to support the students that will be in this field," said Nolan Duke, general manager of the firm. "The best experience is with working equipment."

Duke said Ramsey America, the equipment wholesaler, sells the equipment at a discount, and "we loan the equipment to the school on extended conditions."

"The equipment was lent to the school with conditions and the school will have to return the equipment at the end of July if we decide not buy the equipment at the wholesaler's discounted rate," said Ball.

The horticulture centre must do equipment maintenance.

"This is what most students will use in the workforce," said Ball.

The equipment is not for use by the college's grounds crew. It is for student use only.

"The intention is training and experience with the equipment," said Ball.

Mark Price, of St. Catharines, said, "It makes the students more work ready."

All of the equipment is "very durable heavy-duty lawn equipment," said Ball.

The Mataway Overseeder/Dethatcher does turf renovations. It cuts up the turf and then re-seeds to make it thicker.

The four-wheel turf tractor has a three-ton payload and is used for moving cargoes around the campus. It can be used as a seeder and a fertilizer.

The Ransome's bobcat gear drive mid-size mower is a two-lever steering ride-around mower. It comes with roll-over protection and close-up cutting to save on trimming time.

The Bobcat 2T-200 reves is a walk-behind smaller mower with hand steering.

"The bobcat is the mower that is used the most in the workforce and is the most practical," said Ball.

Alica Dusil, Mark Price and Mike Winnie, students in the Horticultural program at the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines show off their new lawn-care equipment.

Photo by Jeff Schelhas

Eurocopter proposes new spin on national defence

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

It's a company that has proven itself in search and rescue throughout the world.

In fact, one of its helicopters has performed one of the longest Arctic rescues ever completed.

It is one of the largest helicopter production companies in the world. The company brought in the equivalent of $2.5 billion last year.

Eurocopter, of Fort Erie, has had its up and downs in past years

But today, the company employs about 10,000 people worldwide and has factories in almost every country of the world.

At its Fort Erie plant, Eurocopter employs 130 people and company officials are optimistic about creating another 1,600 jobs in the next eight years.

Last year, the Department of National Defense (DND) announced a plan to purchase up to 15 Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopters. The program budget is about $600 million.

Including Eurocopter, four companies have submitted bids. The others are Agusta-Westland, Boeing and Sikorsky. The department's decision is expected by late fall.

The winning company will begin delivering helicopters in the year 2000.

The Canadian Shipborn Helicopter (CSH) Request for Proposal (RFP) requires all competing companies provide, in Canadian content value, Industrial Regional Benefits equal to the value of the CSH contract.

'...we have never taken second place to anyone...' -Lavoy

Within this competition, Eurocopter officials says they are the best choice for the government.

Agusta-Westland makes the EH 101-Cormorant. In its test flights this helicopter had three crashes. If the EH 101 is selected for the CSH project, it could be a strong candidate for the Maritime Helicopter Program (MHP) for 32 helicopters. Acquisition cost difference would amount to $200 million. In addition, this would result in more than $100 million in other expenses for Canada given that DND would have to make major structural changes to its ships to accommodate the EH 101.

Canadian taxpayers would therefore be requested to pay almost $500 million more for the EH 101, compared to Eurocopter's Couger.

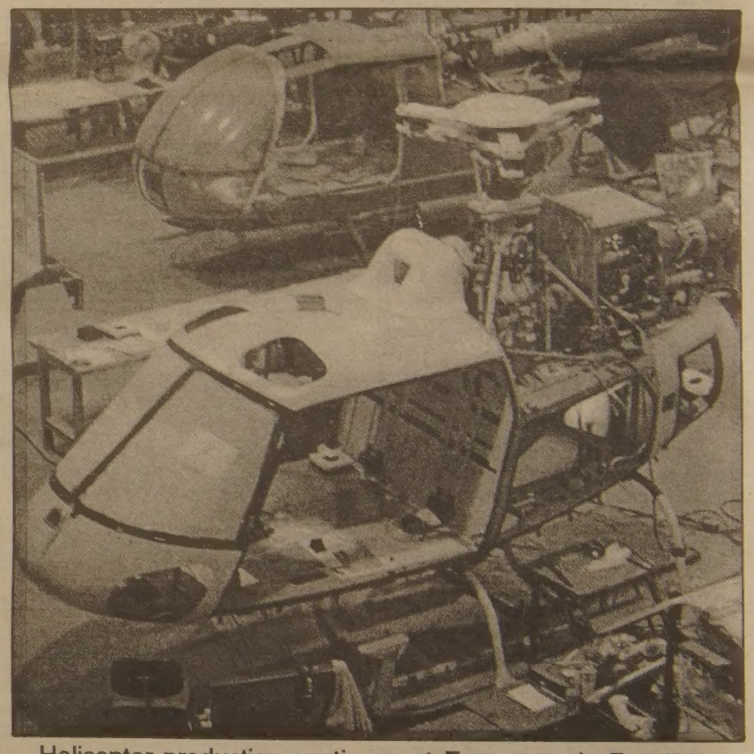
The Cormorant is an EH 101. It is virtually identical to the helicopter canceled by the federal Liberal government in 1993.

The next competitor is the Boeing "Chinook." This helicopter is referred to as "overkill" for the search and rescue role because of its expense.

However, Sikorsky's Maplehawk does not have sufficient capability for Canada's SAR needs.

Eurocopter's Cougar Mk 2, which, for 15 helicopters, is $100 million less expensive than the EH 101. The Cougar has an outstanding international performance rate.

"There is nothing that we will not take on and we have never taken second place to any one," said Michael Lavoy, Eurocopter's vice-president and chief executive officer.



Helicopter production continues at Eurocopter in Fort Erie, Ont.

Photo by Andrew Hall

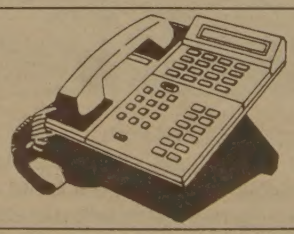
Niagara College Call Centre helps alumni

By DAVE CONROY
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Call Service program is aiding the Niagara College Call Centre in the sale of Alumni Association raffle tickets.

Martha Gleddie, special-events co-ordinator of the Niagara College Foundation, said the class has been a big help with ticket sales.

Sherry Montgomery, a graduate of the call centre service representative program, is volunteering for the Alumni Association at the call centre four days a week answering calls.



"We sold 1,200 tickets in September — 45 a day average," said Montgomery.

Enrolled in the Call Centre Management program, Montgomery has taken time off from her regular classes to help the Alumni Association.

"I like doing this. I enjoy helping the school," said Montgomery.

The class will be helping the sales of alumni raffle tickets until Oct. 26.

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SAC invests money in students

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

For the month of September, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) has spent $86,346.22.

"The $50,000 is a surplus that SAC has accumulated which we invested into a company and we're getting an excellent return on it," said SAC President Don Woodruff.

"The money will be brought back into the students through scolarships, bursaries, excursions and other activities."

The company that SAC invested in is the Ross Dixon Financial Institute of Welland. SAC will be collecting 10 per cent interest on its investment.

Punchline Promotions is the company that produces the T-shirts and SAC wear that SAC gives out for free to students during pub nights, excursions and other activities.

View An Ad is a company from Toronto that does the advertising for the yearbook and the student handbook.

Redline Promotions is a Scarborough company that ran the Air Olympics. The Air Olympics cost $5,000. The $2,415 was the first deposit.

The Yuk Yuk's bill is the cost for the comedians for Wednesday night Comedy Nights at After Hours.

"The Welland Transit City Hall cost was to buy bus passes for the students," said Woodruff. "SAC buys the passes for $17.50 and charges the students $18.50."

A few of the substantial amounts are as follow:	
Ross Dixon Financial Institute	$ 50,000
Punchline Promotions	$ 8,185.33
View An Ad	$ 3,947.24
Yuk Yuk's	$ 2,942.50
Redline Promotions	$ 2,415.00
Welland Transit City Hall	$ 1,750.00
Funny Business Inc.	$ 1,444.50
Family YMCA	$ 1,400.00
Tony Lee	$ 1,200.00
Moxy Fruvous	$ 1,140.00
Treble Charger	$ 1,070.00
School mascot costume	$ 978.34

Mexico's beauty makes learning Spanish easy

By JENNIFER COTE
Staff Writer

Pack your bags.

After a year hard at work in classes, what could be better than spending a luxurious week in Cancun, Mexico, studying the beautiful Spanish language and Mexican culture?

Niagara College's Continuing Education department is offering this exciting week-long course in April. It is open to college students and the public.

The Spanish language program, 20 hours long, is available at basic or intermediate skill levels. There's plenty of free time to relax and explore.

The white sand beaches and clear blue seas of Mexico will be the stunning background for this all-inclusive trip offering three meals per day, with complimentary beer and wine at lunch and dinner.

The program costs $1,685 with a minimum of 20 participants, or $1,920 with less than 20 people, based on double-occupancy rates.

Included in the package is the flight from Toronto to Cancun and seven nights' accommodation at the five-star Club Med resort.

Club Med membership is included in the package and offers snorkeling, swimming, water-skiing, sailing, windsurfing, tennis and nightly entertainment at no additional charge.

A deposit of 50 per cent of the total price must be paid by Dec. 15. Payments can be made to the Continuing Education office in the Hennepin Hall, room H21.

For further information including registration procedures, contact Taralea McLean at (905) 735-2211, 684-4315, 641-2252, 563-3254, or 382-2383, all at extension 7610.

Party bus heads to Oktoberfest

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Raise your glasses!

Oktoberfest is approaching and Niagara College students are going.

Scott Budgell, 23, a residence Don, has reserved 150 tickets for the event to be held at the University of Waterloo's Federation Hall.

He first arranged the trip for students who live at the residence.

"The Student Adminstrative Council (SAC) has decided to open the trip to all students and have arranged to pay for one bus," said Budgell, a second-year computer program analyst student.

Tickets for the round trip and admission were originally to cost $15, but are now $10 following SAC's involvement.

Sixty students have signed up. SAC is working on filling another bus. Pick up will be in front of the Welland campus residence on Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The bus will return students to Welland around 3:30 a.m.

Federation Hall holds about 12,000 people. The event will attract students from other colleges and universities such as the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont., and Conestoga College in Kitchener, Ont.

Oktoberfest activities including German music, beer, sausages and pretzels will be highlighted.

"It's going to be a good event and it will be good to show that Niagara can get off its own campus and be able to go out and meet new people and have fun," Budgell said.

For more information and ticket information contact Budgell at the residence.

Carnival Diablo here Oct. 20

It's almost here.

For those who enjoy television's X-Files, this show is for you.

After Hours at Niagara College's Welland campus will host The Carnival Diablo on Oct. 20.

The show features people performing more than 20 amazing feats, including Russian Roulette with nitric acid, glass eating, razor blade swallowing, a seance with poltergeist activity, bug eating, impaling and much, much more.

It's billed as taking a journey into the bizarre, the outrageous and the miraculous.

For more details, contact After Hours at 735-9976.

Merit, grades bring ERSN students awards

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

Academic excellence can lead to winning awards.

Four Educational Resources and Special Needs (ERSN) program students were presented with awards to recognize their hard work.

The Elvira Lucas ERSN faculty award along with the ERSN program advisory committee award were split among four students.

Jennifer Irvine and Ted Hannahson both received the Elvira Lucas ERSN faculty award for their excellent grades and contributions to the program.

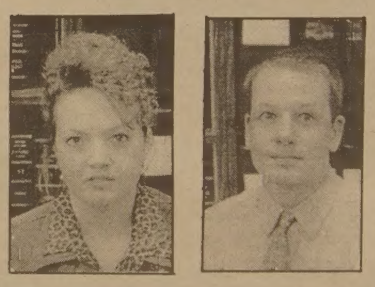
The students in the program take part in two co-operative education/work placements, one of them in a school and the other in a group home in St. Catharines.

Irvine and Hannahson received awards not only for grades but for merit.

Irvine, 21, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, is studying to receive her Developmentally Challenged Social Worker certificate at Niagara College.

She said she had always wanted to work with the handicapped or the mentally challenged.

"I like to work with people. My godmother's daughter had brain damage and I worked with her a lot. I grew up with her. This line of work interested me," she said.



Jennifer Irvine, left, and Ted Hannahson are the winners of The Elvira Lucas ERSN faculty Award.
Photo by Crystal Older

Cathy McMullin, left, and Julie MacMeekin are the winners of The ERSN Program Advisory Committee Award.
Photo by Crystal Older

Ted Hannahson, 30, of St. Catharines, a graduate of the ERSN program, has three part-time jobs in this field.

Hannahson is a support co-ordinator for the St. Catharines Association for Community Living and also works for the Lincoln County Catholic School Board and the Niagara South School Board.

"I do everything from planning and developing teaching materials to health care issues such as feeding kids," said Hannahson.

Hannahsons' jobs range from 20 to 25 hours a week, per job. Some of his duties include planning activities for residents in group homes in St. Catharines.

The ERSN program Advisory Committee award was given to Julie MacMeekin and Cathy McMullin. Both students received this award for their outstanding contributions to the ERSN program.

MacMeekin, 20, a graduate of the ERSN program, has several part-time jobs, including Residential Services at the Sherman Residence, support co-ordinator one weekend and relief, and support services at Footsteps.

MacMeekin was inspired by her high school co-operative education experience in vocational services. She said she loves working with people.

"I find myself a caring individual," said MacMeekin.

"I am very close with people. I knew right from the first day of my high school co-op that this was what I wanted to do," she said.

MacMeekin is also completing her Developmentally Challenged Social Worker certificate course. "I have three courses left and I will have that certificate as well," she said.

MacMeekin is working at Family Support Services as a one-on-one support worker for two individuals.

McMullin, 38, of St. Catharines, is a graduate of the ERSN program and a full-time parent.

She is working for the Lincoln County Catholic School Board with young, gifted students who have behavior problems.

McMullin started at the school board in March as an occasional employee until June when she was hired for the September start.

McMullin said she got this award to recognize her academic and placement performance.

"I am doing exactly what I wanted to do," she said.

SAC votes

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Take a note, it's time to vote.

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) needs students' help to select this year's vice-president of athletic affairs.

Two students are running for the position.

Roxanne Reid, a second-year Educational Resources and Special Needs student, has started planning her campaign.

"I see a lack of communication between the athletic department, students' council and the students. I want to try to provide more athletic entertainment for the students," she said.

Mike Berry, 23, a second-year Mechanical Engineering student, is Reid's opponent.

"I just want to support the students' needs within athletics," he said.

The vice-president of athletic affairs is responsible for the promotion of athletic services, while acting as liaison between the Athletics Department of the college and SAC.

To vote in the by-election students can fill out a ballot on Monday, Oct. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room SE104 at the Welland campus. Students must show their college photo identification in order to vote.

THANKSGIVING

Giving thanks, a year-round tradition

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

The Thanksgiving Day holiday is not the only time of the year to be thankful.

Traditionally people celebrate Thanksgiving by giving thanks for what they have. For native people, giving thanks is done year round and Thanksgiving is just one special celebration.

Before the first European settlers celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday, the native peoples of Canada would have a harvest festival.

"Each year around this time native people would give thanks to the Creator for the harvest of that year, but this isn't the only time to give thanks," says Russ Blackbird, aboriginal cultural promotion and outreach officer at Niagara College in Welland.

"Giving thanks is a year-round tradition for all the living elements in nature, from the earth to our Creator."

Blackbird, 30, a member of Ojibway and Oneida Nations, says native peoples have different ceremonies through the year giving thanks for many different things.

"One thing native peoples are taught is that there is much to be thankful for," Blackbird says. "I give thanks more than once a year. I am thankful for what I have today. Right here, right now."

The first Thanksgiving came about because Europeans, who came to Canada, were having a difficult time with the environmental conditions and harvesting food, Blackbird says.

"It didn't matter to native peoples about the European's skin color or beliefs. Natives are taught to share, and they asked the Europeans to come and sit with them for a meal and give thanks for the harvest provided by nature and the Creator," he says.

Thanksgiving also has religious roots for settlers, Blackbird says. "Europeans who came to the U.S. and Canada wanted to worship God in their own way. The Thanksgiving ceremony allowed them to give thanks to God for what they had."

Blackbird says Thanksgiving is just one time of the year to be thankful.

"The way we are taught is to be thankful on a daily basis for what we have. By doing so you'll have a better outlook on life."

A traditional oral speech called Ganohonyohk — meaning giving of thanks — has been passed down from generation to generation and is entrenched in native culture, he says, adding the speech is the voice of native peoples and, what is most important, reflects the universe.

The strength of native spirituality is in this giving of thanks, he adds.

"Everything in nature, including humans, has been given a set of duties," Blackbird says. "This address gives thanks to each part of nature for continuing to fulfil those duties ascribed to them."

Thanksgiving is a celebration of life that doesn't need to be so structured, he says.

"We have become so accustomed to the yearly ritual of Thanksgiving that we sometimes forget the meaning, and it is the meaning that is important."

Food bank helps needy

By JEANNIE ORBAN
Staff Writer

The Community Resource and Action Centre is an important organization in the Welland area.

The centre provides emergency assistance with groceries and housing for people in Welland, Pelham and Wainfleet.

"We do get students in asking for help with groceries and housing," said Bernadette Corbin, executive director of the centre.

The United Way of Niagara South helps fund the soup kitchen, which provides hot meals five days a week and serves about 10,736 people a year.

The loan food cupboard is also funded by the United Way. It gives groceries to people to supplement their food needs. About 2,600 people a year use this service. Volunteers work over 3, 600 hours every year.

"We have a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday (Oct. 9) at noon," said Corbin.

She said she's not expecting any college students because of the time of the dinner.

The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the dinner.

Corbin said she expects between 70 and 100 people will attend the dinner.

Donations and volunteers are always welcome, she said.

The centre is located at Holy Trinity Church at 77 Division St., Welland.

Calling all craft buffs

The 23rd annual Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival takes place this weekend, beginning today and ending Monday.

This year's craft show and sale will feature more than 140 exhibitors, live bands, children's activities and numerous food vendors.

As in years past, there will be heritage demonstrations and displays and plenty of pressed apple cider. The apples are brought in fresh from local farms and prepared for sale on site.

The festival is organized by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Admission is $5, free for children under 14. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds support conservation activities in Niagara.

Escaping the hatchet

Marvin the pet turkey poses for a photograph last week. Unlike many turkeys around the continent, he won't be dinner this weekend. Marvin is a one-year-old family pet from Fonthill.
Photo by Dan Dakin

Scarecrows picket farm over work conditions

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

How many different things can be made from a pumpkin?

This is a challenge presented to Jerry Howell every fall.

Howell, organizer of the Howell Family Pumpkin Farm in Fonthill, has expanded the displays this fall.

The big story for this year is Pumpkin Farm Scarecrows on Strike. There is a large display of disgruntled scarecrows at the entrance to the farm protesting with signs at the work given to them.

The main attractions have a medieval theme, including a pumpkin Robin Hood display, two straw jousters, Pumpkinosaurus Rex (a pumpkin monster that stands 25 feet high and eats monsters), and a pumpkin catapult that fires pumpkins more than 200 feet.

On the Internet, the Holland Road pumpkin farm can be reached at www.niagara.com/infocor/pumpkinfarm. The farm can also be contacted by calling 892-3918.

Pumpkin — versatile vegetable marks harvest season

By KATHLEEN McARTHUR
Staff Writer

Pumpkin is not just for pies any more.

We find ourselves carving the pumpkin for decorations at Hallowe'en and eating canned pumpkin for Thanksgiving. It is easy to prepare fresh pumpkin to freeze for Christmas baking.

Cut the top of the pumpkin and pull the seeds out from the centre, you can wash them and roast them in the oven for a tasty snack later.

Cut the pumpkin into wedges and peel the orange skin, cube the fruit and put in the pot to cook. Put three and three and a half cups uncooked pumpkin aside for soup.

Add between one and two cups of water and cook until fruit is tender. Drain and save the juice to use later.

Pumpkin Soup

3-3 1/2 cups peeled and cubed pumpkin
3-3 1/2 cups zucchini (peeled optional)
2 medium potatoes peeled and cubed
1 large onion sliced
2 cups juice from cooked pumpkin
2 tblsp chopped fresh parsley
2 cloves garlic, chopped
3/4 cup 1% milk
1 tsp dried (rubbed) basil

Combine in saucepan pumpkin, zucchini, potatoes, onion, garlic, pumpkin juice and parsley. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes or until tender. Stirring occasionally, add more juice if needed. Mash or puree, stir in milk and basil. Heat. Garnish with mint leaf.

Pumpkin Bread

Pre-heat oven at 350 degrees F
3 1/2 cups flour
2 tsp baking soda
1 1/2 - 2 tsp each cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, mace, ground cloves
1 cup oil
4 eggs
2/3 cup juice from cooked pumpkin (or water)
2-3 cups pumpkin
3 cups sugar

Combine all ingredients BY HAND.
Pour into 3 greased loaf pans (1/2 full)
Bake for 1 hour, add whole cloves on top of loafs.

Pumpkin Bars

4 eggs
1 2/3 cups sugar
1 cup oil
3 cups pumpkin
2 cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
2 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp baking soda
1 1/2 tsp each ground cloves, allspice, nutmeg
1/2 tsp mace.

Beat eggs, sugar, oil, and pumpkin until light and fluffy. Sift together flour, powder, soda and spices. Add to pumpkin. Mix thoroughly. Spread batter onto ungreased cookie sheet with sides.

Bake for 25-30 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Cool and cut into bars.

THANKSGIVING

Giving thanks for our many blessings

By JENNIFER COTE
Staff Writer

As you celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your family this weekend, keep in mind how many other families have celebrated before yours, and the true reason for the holiday.

a general thanks and harvest ceremony

It is believed the first formal Thanksgiving Day service in North America was held in Newfoundland in 1578 by Sir John Frobisher after the first colonies to settle in the New World arrived there unharmed.

The first unofficial Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated in 1763 when the people of Halifax, N.S., declared a day set aside to give thanks for the resolution of the Peace of Paris which gave Britain rule over Canada.

Quebec, then known as Lower Canada, first observed Thanksgiving Day on Jan. 10, 1799. Ontario, then Upper Canada, observed the day on June 18, 1816, to show gratitude for the end of the war between Great Britain and Napoleon.

However, it was not until November 1879 that Canada began setting aside one day each year to offer thanks, primarily for a prosperous harvest.

For a while Canada and the United States observed Thanksgiving on the same last Thursday in November, until Canada decided that this did not give travellers enough time to arrive home to be with family. Consequently, the holiday was moved to the Monday to establish a three-day weekend.

Possibly the most interesting aspect of the Thanksgiving Day holiday is the way the date was moved about — until Jan. 31, 1957, when it was officially declared for the second Monday in October. This is still the accepted date.

Even though Canada shared the date of Thanksgiving with the U.S. for a short time, it was the only similarity.

Canada observed Thanksgiving as a general thanks and harvest ceremony, while the U.S. holiday was a day of thanksgiving for the first harvest of the Pilgrim Fathers and their freedom to worship as they desired.

As you're sitting down to your turkey this weekend with mashed potatoes, gravy and cranberry sauce, remember the reason why we celebrate Thanksgiving: to give thanks — as our ancestors did — for our many blessings.

Tradition of turkey's changing

By CHER CIRILLO
Staff Writer

The sound of people laughing, recalling favorite memories and catching up on missed events are just some of the things to look forward to on Thanksgiving.

What else?

Turkey. Maybe to some, but others may be opting for a different main course.

The tradition of turkey, stuffing and potatoes is changing in some households.

Today, many people choose not to eat something that was once living. These people, as we know, are vegetarians.

an alternative way of eating

There are other alternatives to enjoying a meal with the rest of the family because there are so many choices when it comes to food.

You're not, however, limited to a plate filled only with vegetables.

Why not add a little variety to your plate? A vegetarian can buy such a thing as an unturkey.

These unturkeys are made of wheat gluten covered with a skin of bean curd and actually look like a turkey breast.

This may sound strange to some people, but for others it's an alternative way of eating. Also available are tofurkys — which come with simulated drumsticks.

Some people choose not to celebrate because the people around them are eating what they, themselves, choose not to.

What you choose to do is your own decision, not anyone else's.

Just because others around you are enjoying their turkey dinner doesn't mean you shouldn't participate in the celebration.

After all, Thanksgiving is a day to celebrate, not a day to judge or be judged on what you or others believe.

Time to reflect

By SHARON WHALING
Staff Writer

To be or not to be — thankful, that is.

Every year Thanksgiving Day brings out a positive spirit in families.

This year, Thanksgiving is just another day for me. I know I do have things to be thankful for: my health, my parents, my home and my friends. However, some days I wonder what this world offers beyond those.

Throughout my younger years of education, teachers reminded us to be thankful for things since our last Thanksgiving. We were reminded it is a celebration, a gathering, a time to reflect on things we take for granted.

I realize it's easy to be negative, but there are things I just can't be thankful for. For example, in the past year, I've had to deal with the loss of two people very close to me. Yes, I am grateful for the memories, but I also feel bitter and perhaps selfish that I can't share Thanksgiving 1997 with them.

I am saddened by the news of the deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales, of Mother Teresa, and the young lady pushed in front of a subway train in Toronto and I'm aware of the ever-present diseases ravaging the world.

I should be happy that there are new medical discoveries every day, that I can enjoy a home-cooked meal and that I have everything I need in life.

Although I am bitter now, I am sure as Thanksgiving approaches, my negativity will disappear and again I will be truly thankful for what I have, not bemoaning what I don't have.

If life is so good, why do we take one day out of 365 in a year to celebrate our thankfulness? Everyday should be a thanksgiving day.

Word on Campus: What are your Thanksgiving traditions?

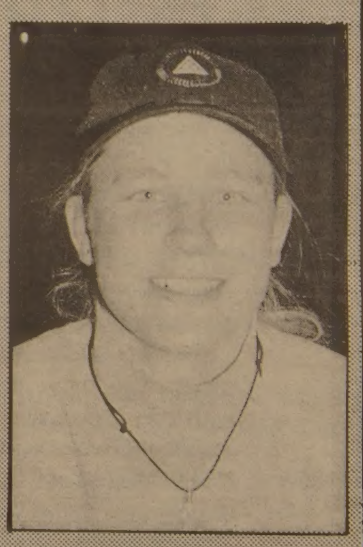
By CRYSTAL OLDERand JENN WALKER
Staff Writers

"We just have our whole family — my brothers, mom, and dad," said **Marissa Costanzo**, 18, of Welland, an Early Childhood Education program student. "We have turkey."

"My tradition for Thanksgiving is to eat a fat-freaking meal," said **William Saxon**, 18, of Windsor, an Art and Design Fundamentals — Graphic Design Production program student.

"I go over to my parents' house," said **Shannon Flowers**, 24, an Office Administration-Executive program student. "My mom makes a big dinner, my boyfriend's family and friends come over and we eat dinner and hang out for a while."

Jennifer Hayes, 19, of St. Catharines, an Office Administration-Executive program student, said, "I have a big Thanksgiving dinner with lots of family."



Yvonne DeRusha, 20, of St. Catharines, Recreation and Leisure program student, said, "I just think that traditions are totally over-rated. It's just hard to get around without a car."

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Spotting beauty in simplicity

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has revealed an uncommon knack for spotting beauty in simplicity.

It scoffed at the federal government's proposal to invest $1 billion in university and college scholarships.

Couldn't we instead, the federation mused, spread that same billion across the board to flip the entire bill for student tuition across Canada?

Simple. Beautiful.

The CFS has drawn a line of logic that could lead Canadians to national prosperity. The federation's thinking should not only be applauded, but applied by Canadians in the course of their daily lives.

Why throw away good money on a bottle of Aspirin? Those three dollars alone could finance a universal drug plan.

Global hunger can be made a memory for the cost of a Big Mac Meal.

And God bless the reader who gets a papercut while turning the opposite page. You'll keep the blood banks in business for the next 20 years.

By ignoring economic realities, the CFS has swiftly resolved Canada's education crisis. Kudos, CFS.

Perhaps by ignoring the laws of gravity, you can make the rest of our country's problems float up and away.

Paul Baswick

Learning to get along

Working well within the realms of a team-oriented atmosphere is not for everyone.

People who generally get along with everyone and who can set aside differences with colleagues for the good of the team are a great asset in life.

These are the types of people you can enjoy working with. These types of people would help you get out of a jam and especially the kind of people who are there to the very end no matter what it takes.

Sometimes team players don't work for the team. They just are out for themselves. You know the kind of people I am talking about. They show up late with a great excuse. Then they want to leave early because they figure someone else will just pick up their slack.

In the real world, these people either lose their jobs within the first five days or their teammates would shun them so badly they would end up quitting.

If you are into self-promoting, bragging, and you enjoy basking in the limelight then you are not a team player.

But if you want to work around other people in a team atmosphere, learn to get along with other people or keep your differences outside the workplace.

Ian Anderson

Letters to the editor

Strike issue clarified

Dear Editor:

It's always been my pleasure to meet with reporters from the Niagara News. My time with Brenda Beaven was no exception.

I feel, however, that I must clarify some of the statements (and the subsequent implications) attributed to me in the article titled *College Teachers Not Striking* in the Sept. 26 edition of Niagara News.

My statement that "Niagara teachers will not be going on strike," that "the bottom line is we're not going on strike" was in response to a question about the potential strike of the public and seperate teachers rumored to occur a few days after this interview took place. Not in reference to college faculty negotiations. I was explaining that the teachers' (potential) job action as reported in the media did not include college faculty.

The statement "It's all about money" was a two-part response: (1) to Bill 160 and my belief that this is a major part of the Tory agenda as regards to this bill and (2) to my view that the extraordinary demands of college management in this round of faculty negotions has everything to do with money — and power.

The (anticipated) rejection of management's contract offer by College faculty on Oct.16 has everything to do with protecting the integrity and quality of education in the colleges.

It has everything to do with having input and some control at the teacher's level, about what goes on in the classroom and under what conditions. And it has everything to do with job integrity and security.

Full-time faculty in the college system have been without a pay increase for a number of years.

Certainly money is on the list of important issues. However, it is secondary to the issues outlined above.

Sherri Rosen
President, OPSEU Local 242,
Niagara College Faculty

An explanation of HIV

It was our mistake.

In the last edition of the Niagara News (Volume 28, No. 1, Sept. 26, 1997), it was incorrectly stated Kevin Lailey, a spokesperson for AIDS Niagara, has AIDS. He does not. He is HIV positive.

The Niagara News apologizes for any embarrassment caused to Kevin.

Joan Blanchard, resource development co-ordinator for AIDS Niagara in St. Catharines, has given us a clarified meaning of HIV.

It reads: HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus, a virus that attacks certain cells in the immune system and can cause a number of symptoms and illnesses, including AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, the most advanced form of HIV disease).

For more information about AIDS, contact AIDS Niagara, 50 William St., St. Catharines, L2R 5J2 or telephone 1-800-773-9843 or Fax 905-988-1921.

Looks do not always count

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Personality is the key to a relationship.

I'd be lying if I said that looks do not matter. But, personality is what will make a relationship last. Looks are usually the intial attraction, but if a person does not have a winning personality to accompany those looks, looks will not mean a thing.

I will admit I check out the men at the bars and I will also admit that the outer appearance is what I am looking at. As I said before, if he has a bad attitude and will not give me the time of day, a Prince Charming quickly changes into a frog.

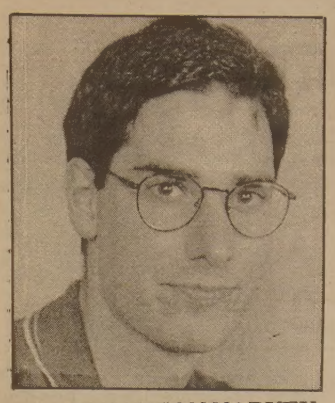
The media has emphasized looks by promoting television shows that star gorgeous people, but if we look past the intriguing plots and the beautiful people that portray the characters, we will notice that they can be very ugly people.

Take, for example, the evil characters on television's Melrose Place, Amanda Woodward and Michael Mancini. These characters are portrayed by gorgeous people but their personalities are awful. This makes them very unlikeable people.

What I'm trying to say is looks matter, but personality is what really counts.

FROM THE HIP

Quebec remains hot political issue



By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

Quebec is a distinct society.

"Distinct society" is a controversial term, but it shouldn't be. The failed Charlottetown Accord ensured that the phrase would not be remembered fondly.

Quebec is the only one of Canada's provinces with a majority of French-speaking people.

The history of the province, from the British conquest to the Quiet Revolution to the election of the Parti Quebecois has been very different from that of the rest of the country. From linguistic unity to cultural heritage to economic self-sufficiency, Quebec probably has more of a case for "distinct" status than many independent countries formally recognized by the United Nations.

Recently, Canada's political elites have begun to recognize Quebec's position and attempted to deal with the related issue of sovereignty. One way to reduce the likelihood of having to face a potential series of sovereignty referendums is to get the leaders of Quebec to sign the 1982 Canadian Constitution.

The Calgary Accord produced by nine premiers on Sept. 14 (with the exception of Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard) included discussion ideas for providing an incentive for Quebec to sign, in exchange for certain concessions.

"Unique character" was settled on as a possible alternative to "distinct society" as a more palatable description of Quebec's status for Quebecers and other Canadians.

The difficulty our political leaders face is how to enshrine such phrasing in the Constitution, thus reducing the motivation for separatists in Quebec, while simultaneously avoiding a legal wrangle where Quebec becomes a "first among equals."

On Sept. 30, according to Bouchard, French President Jacques Chirac, promised to give international support to secession in the event of a "Yes-vote" in a future sovereignty referendum.

Bouchard's discussions with Chirac amount to an ill-timed slap in the face for the advocates of a unified Canada.

More must be done in the following weeks and months to follow up the Calgary Accord, but not just by Canadians outside of Quebec.

The political leaders in that province, particularly Bouchard, now have an obligation to respond. Bouchard's time would be better spent talking with Canadian leaders about how to improve Quebec's situation within Canada than by attempting to establish diplomatic relations in Paris for a country that doesn't yet exist.

Smoldering smoker

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Butt out.

I'm a smoker. It really irritates me when non-smokers are treated with more respect than people who choose to light up.

I was recently in a restaurant/pub where smoking was allowed everywhere when a non-smoker came up to me and, to put it in more polite terms, told me my cigarette smoke was bothering her.

What I don't understand is why non-smokers go to places where smoking is allowed and then complain about it. Many places, such as Tim Hortons with either non-smoking or designated smoking areas, offer non-smokers a place to sit away from the smoke. The designated smoking areas are simply glass rooms blocked from the rest of the facility. The air circulation is poor and the rooms are usually crowded.

Why should smokers be placed in a cage-like room, while those who don't smoke sit in comfortable, leggy areas? I admit smoking is a bad habit and non-smokers shouldn't have to be exposed to the cigarette smoke, but smokers should be allowed the same amount of space in which to enjoy themselves.

Offensive opinions

I have never heard of smokers going up to non-smokers and saying anything negative about them or their habits. Everyone has a right to voice an opinion, but some opinions of non-smokers are offensive.

I feel smokers are more than accommodating of non-smokers' feelings about smoke. They have made many sacrifices, such as sitting in designated smoking areas or smoking outside. Non-smokers may want to treat us with the same respect.

Non-smokers need to understand that, like them, smokers are there to enjoy an evening out, without being criticized.

Plague of counterfeit cash

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Take a look at your money.

A few weeks ago I went into an Avondale variety store to purchase a newspaper. I gave the clerk a five dollar bill. She then put the bill under a small machine that is used to detect counterfeit money.

This was the first time I had seen a device like this, this was also the first time I ever wondered if my money was fake. For those five seconds it took for the woman to scan my money many thoughts came to mind. What if my money was fake?

We have many things to worry about in life such as rape, murder, disease and even the food we eat. We are also responsible for assuring that our actions are acceptable in society. Should we be worried about unknowingly possessing counterfeit money, or what about being accused for a crime you didn't commit?

Show me the money!

In an instant your life could change because you are unaware of having fake money or maybe you look like someone who committed a crime.

Why is it that people always have to prove themselves? O. J. Simpson had to prove his innocence and did with a lot of money, and people continue to say he is guilty. How about Donovan Bailey winning the 100-meter race at the Olympics? Bailey had to run another race to prove he was the fastest man.

In an instant your life could change because you are unaware of having fake money . . . Everyone has a right . . .

Guy-Paul Morin is an example of someone being wrongly accused of a crime. He was accused of murdering Christine Jessop, but he was found innocent because of DNA testing. Will his life ever be the same again?

Why is it that if you commit a crime or are wrongly accused of a crime your answer is the same: "I didn't do it." It doesn't matter if you're guilty or innocent, you are treated like a criminal.

Ontario education receives failing grade

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

Following a public outcry unlike any since the creation of the new Coke, Ontario's Education Minister John Snobelen backed down on lengthening the school year.

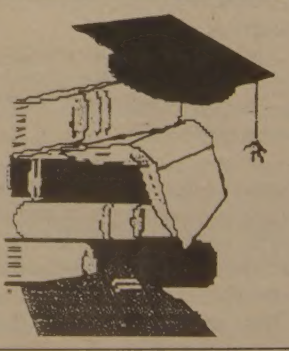
He saved face using the ancient "rural families need their children to work on the farm" maneuver. After all, a little child labor never hurt anyone.

Secure in the knowledge disaster has been averted, Ontarians have settled into a comfortable routine of griping about report cards that are too hard to understand, all the while giving only the most superficial treatment to the key question of teacher preparation time.

Bill 160 will halve the amount of time teachers get to prepare lessons and mark assignments during the school day. Assuming an average preparation time of 80 minutes per day, Snobelen will free 40 minutes of teacher time per day for every teacher in Ontario, a total of about 80,000 working hours for every single school day.

What will he do with all those hours? There are two possibilities. He can use them to create more class sections, thus reducing class sizes, or he can get rid of thousands of teachers and save a bundle in salaries.

Let's not forget, however, some-



one still has to pay for the generous Tory income tax cut. I can already hear the sound of the disgruntled public sector workers cramming more desks into classrooms.

I've got a better idea. Snobelen should sell every school in Ontario and replace each one with an unheated airplane hangar. With only one teacher per classroom, one giant classroom per school and no heating bills, the savings will more than pay for the tax cut.

Best of all, our children will get the practical conditioning they'll need to begin their long careers as sweatshop coolies.

Why not? A little child labor never hurt anyone.

INTERNATIONALLY

Learning Canadian pharmacy business

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

It's been a learning experience for one Japanese pharmacist.

Toshihiro Nakashima, 27, is studying English as a Second Language at Niagara College. He is a licensed pharmacist in Japan.

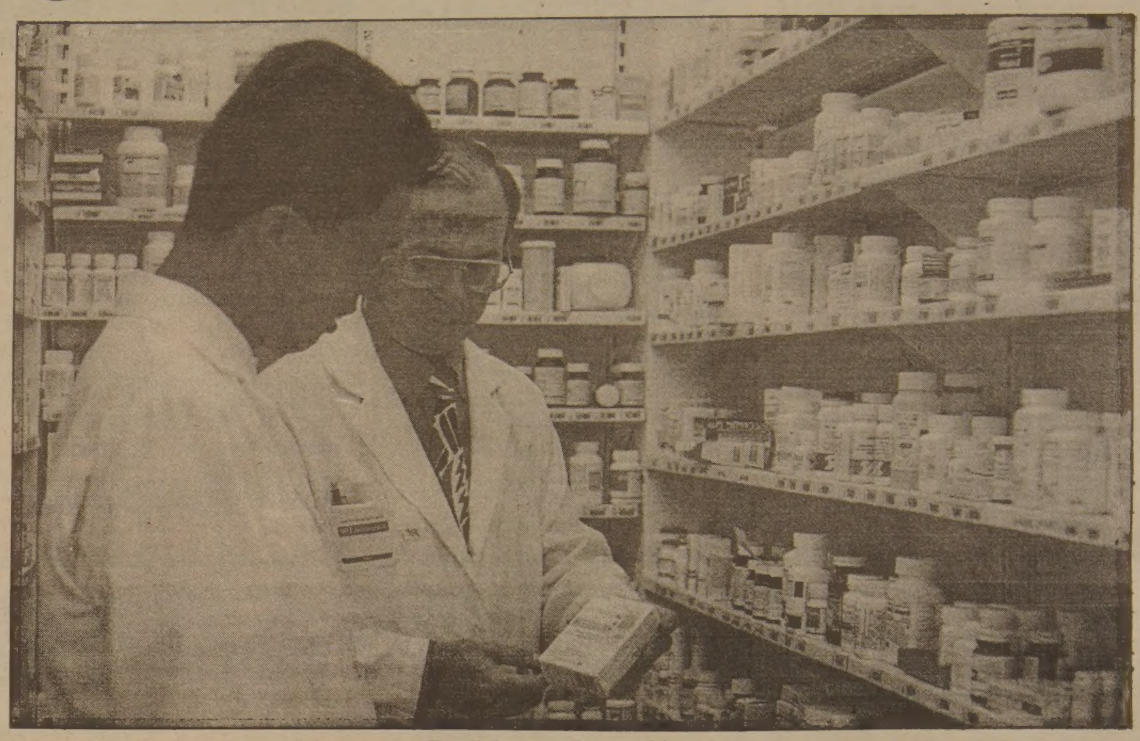
He was in Vancouver, B.C., for five months before coming here.

After graduation from medical college in Tokyo, he got a job in a pharmacy at a hospital in his hometown of Okayama, where he worked for three years.

"I think it was a very good job," he says. "They had a good reputation, but I had no private time and worked like a robot."

Nakashima says he usually dispensed more than 700 prescriptions every day. "During Christmas time or the New Year's holiday, there were over a thousand prescriptions to dispense," he says, adding it was "busy and crazy."

After Nakashima quit his job, he got another job at a drug store. He met many people from countries such as the United States and Canada.



Toshihiro Nakashima, of Japan, an English as a Second Language program student, left, visited the Ruttle Shoppers Drug Mart in Welland on Sept. 21, and Joe Kucman, the store's manager pharmacist, showed him how the pharmacy works.

Photo by Minako Yamaguchi

He attended a private English institution because he couldn't communicate with English-speaking people. There, he met Ian Mackey, of New Brunswick.

He says Mackey, a "nice" teacher, influenced him to be interested in Canada.

He says he came to Canada not only to study English, but to learn how the pharmacy business works.

Nakashima visited the Ruttle Shoppers Drug Mart, 300 Lincoln St., in Welland on Sept. 21.

It was arranged by Denise Marr, Nakashima's Canadian hostmother, who works at the store. Marr introduced Joe Kucman, the store's manager pharmacist, to him.

'Canadian pharmacists are well educated.'
— Toshihiro Nakashima

Nakashima says he found the computer system at Canadian drug stores to be "well developed."

"It was very interesting because the drug stores in Japan don't really accept the medical description, but here they do."

He says Japanese drug stores don't sell as many items as Canadian drug stores. "In Canada, I can get everything at a drug store."

On Sept. 29, Nakashima visited a pharmacy at Welland County General Hospital.

He says there is not much of a difference compared with Japanese hospitals, but he was surprised that doctors in Canada can't dispense the medicine.

Nakashima says Canadian pharmacists are "well educated" and *seem to be "equal" to doctors.*

'Fans' stand and stretch'

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

The "fans' stand and stretch" in the seventh inning at the Toronto SkyDome can be a part of learning Canadian culture for international students.

English as a Second Language program students went to Ontario's capital to see the Blue Jays game on Sept. 26.

"I enjoyed my time with my friends in the bus on the way to Toronto. We talked and had popcorn," says Miho Hirai, 20, of Japan, an ESL student.

Arriving in Toronto, they had about 1 1/2 hours before the game started, so they went downtown to look around and have supper.

"When I saw (the) outside of the SkyDome it didn't look really big, but when I entered inside, it was huge," says Ching Yi Lin, 20, of Taiwan.

Hirai and Lin said the game wasn't really exciting until the seven-inning shutout performance.

As all spectators started standing up and stretching, ESL students looked around and started stretching along with other spectators.

"It was very fun," says Hirai.

"It was funny to see people stretching on the large screen," says Lin.

The students say it was "important" the Blue Jays took a 3-0 victory over the Boston Red Sox, but also that they had "fun" with their friends at the stadium.

Miho Hirai, 20, of Japan, an English as a Second Language program student, is watching the Blue Jays game at the SkyDome on Sept. 26.

Photo by Minako Yamaguchi

Niagara going to international fair

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Niagara College is going to the fair. The education fair.

Niagara's International Education Department has representatives travelling to several farflung countries this year in an attempt to attract students.

Among these countries are Korea, Indonesia, Colombia, Japan and Malaysia.

The fair is the equivalent of a college open house. Pamphlets, brochures and program agendas are distributed by college representatives.

"It differs from country to country," said Jos Nolle, department manager.

"About 100 schools exhibit at the fairs. Niagara likes to exhibit at fairs that are promoting Canadian institutions."

Sean Coote, international student adviser, is travelling to Korea and Taiwan in October. He leaves on Oct. 20 for Korea and will be there for 10 days.

Coote said he'll attend a four-day education fair and visit some study-abroad companies in an effort to attract students.

"Some students come into the fair with specific questions. Others are searching and grabbing any information they can get," said Coote.

"The trip consists of more than just the education fair. We make an attempt to contact as many study-aboard companies as we can."

Coote said he will be trying to establish a relationship with the companies and provide updated information to them. "I will go over our brochures and answer any questions they have about the college.

"This is to add a personal touch to updating."

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Need for speed

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

I've burned up the road going 200 miles per hour in a $250,000 Ferrari F50 in the Austrian Alps. Have you?

With Need for Speed 2 by Electronic Arts, it's possible.

Released this spring, Need for Speed 2 has a realistic racing atmosphere not seen in a game to date.

There are endless choices when it comes to what and where you'd like to race. In addition to the eight supercars in the CARS menu, there are nearly 20 hidden cars which can be accessed with various passwords.

One drawback of the game is that it requires some serious equipment. Don't attempt try to run this one on your 486. It needs at least a Pentium 133. Even with that speed, you can't experience the game at its best.

However, when played on the proper equipment (a Pentium 200 is recommended) you are able to set the graphics mode to its highest capability. This brings out the game's realism.

Packaged with the game is detailed information about the cars. This includes photographs, movie files and information sheets.

When the original Need for Speed was released in 1995, everyone was amazed. However, it doesn't come close to the next generation in simulating racing.

SWAT rescues students

By MARK TEMPLE
Staff Writer

There's a team on campus ready to rescue students and staff who are technologically challenged.

Niagara College's newly implemented Students Who Advance Technology (SWAT) was created by Elizabeth Weldon, director of the college's Information Services, to assist students in the various computer labs throughout the college.

The team was selected through applications and interviews. They have been given an opportunity to gain real-life business experience by assisting other students, faculty and staff on how to use the college's technology effectively.

SWAT consists of 15 programmer analyst and computer technology students.

The functions of SWAT include daily preparation of the computer lab in Room S109. They ensure the printers have paper and that the computers are working properly.

The job pays $7 an hour and most of the team members average six hours a week. The SWAT program works in conjunction with the work study plan of the Ontario Student Assistance Program.

In its fledgling month of operations, Laura Ford, information services database administrator and SWAT co-ordinator, said she is confident in the team's abilities.

Ford said she sought out students with strong customer-service skills and the ability to deal with "conflict resolution."

SWAT monitors the use of computers by students to ensure the effective use of the system, and not just for playing computer games.

Although the program has reached its quota for hiring, students interested in joining the SWAT team are asked to fill out an application at the Information Services help desk in Room L14.

www.schoolsucks.com

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

Some call it a passport for plagiarism.

Numerous Web sites on the Internet offer essays and assignments written by students. They are available so other students can use them.

One site in particular, www.schoolsucks.com, has blown most of the smaller sites completely out of the water.

The idea behind this Web page is that students will use it as a reference tool. Since many teachers know of the site and frequently visit it, out and out plagiarism is not recommended.

"I opened the site to wake up the education system," said Kenny Sahr, site owner. "As teachers themselves say, the papers being turned in aren't A-plus material. If this is the case, and the papers are reflective of the students, what does that say about those teaching them?

"If professors are scared of such a site, it's understandable."

In an effort to make www.schoolsucks.com more user-oriented, Sahr has added a free section. There, students sign up for complimentary issues of Sports Illustrated, free videos and free catalogues.

A JAVA chat page is another utility added to help students with due dates and assigments.

With 120,000 hits (number of times a site is visited) a month, www.schoolsucks.com is a busy place. A Top 10 list was recently added to track which schools have transferred the most assignments and essays.

Last week's leader was Pennsylvannia State University with 1,400 transfers in seven days.

Some companies score other fail on the Web

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

Sometimes one shoots for the net and scores; other times it just doesn't happen.

This week's column will be evaluating computer and music industry giants' Web pages. We will see if the companies scored or failed.

First to shoot from the line: 3D Realms/Apogee. This Web site (www.3drealms.com) consists of downloadable demos of some of 3D Realms' and Apogee's games as well as information about the games and up-and-coming games.

Duke Nuke'em Forever, Duke Nuke'em's sequel, has a Web page with information about the upcoming hit.

The virtual reality tour of the company is excellent, although if you own the standard version of Netscape, you will have to download the Echospeech plug-in. It was a quick download, only 110k, but it took a while to get connected to the site. Once downloaded and installed, the VR tour is a nice change from other Web pages with text tours.

Next up: the virus protection king, McAfee. With a nice backup name just in case you type it wrong, www.mcafee.com (or www.mcaffee.com), is set up easily so the surfer can get to the desired part of the site quickly and efficiently.

The sidebar has links to the products, downloads, services, marketing and information. There is a search engine on the page designed to search McAfee's pages for surfer-specific selections.

Now on to some music. With a somewhat long loadup, but an incredible start to the page, www.stonetemplepilots.com is a platinum hit.

An animated image map of a typical bedroom greets the surger when first loaded. A black light switch is set beside the image map to turn the bedroom's lights off and a black light on. Pictures, downloadable sound and video clips, tour dates, feedback, a catalogue and order form are in the room to check out. This Web page has an excellent setup for an excellent band.

Korn has set up a page of its own, but to get the full effect of the page (www.korn.com), Shockwave is needed (www.macromedia.com). There is an unshocked version of the site. The two interesting things on this page are a chat room and a voice mail section which Korn left. RealAudio is needed for that one.

Pick up RealAudio at www.realaudio.com. The page is basically the same as that of Stone Temple Pilots with an image map not as well done. The usual pictures, albums, links, etc. are also present.

It seems two of the big computer companies, and two well-known music groups, have scored with their Web pages.

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Conference offers school-to-work for youth

By SHARON WHALING
Staff Writer

A conference to discuss new high-tech jobs for Canada's young people will be held later this month.

Niagara Falls is the setting of a two-day conference for the National School-To-Work Transition Project Oct. 23 and 24. The conference is hosted by the Niagara South Board of Education in partnership with Niagara College.

The project began in 1995 with a vision to meet the needs of industries and educators nationwide.

The project's focus is to entice young people to choose technical-related careers, says Bea Clark, Niagara College's director of Ventures division.

"Industry is anxious to help educators and to turn people on to become tradespeople and technologists. We know the opportunities are there," says Clark.

A national committee was created and over the past two years the members have developed and implemented a standard curriculum for high schools across Canada and a informative Web site (www.interlog.com/-stw).

"Students are exposed to state-of-the-art technology that exists in the workplace," says Clark.

Niagara College was one of the three leading partners on this project because of President Dan Patterson's direct involvement. He represents a network of 20 community colleges as a member of the national committee.

The conference's three-main objectives are these:

1. To profile the excellent curriculum and the resources available.

2. To profile the partnership among business, labor, and education.

3. To profile careers and technological opportunities.

School-to-Work Transition for the 21st Century

Students at both levels (high school and college) are trained with employment-ready marketable skills useable in the growing electrical/electronics industry.

Speakers at the conference include Niagara College's Bonnie Rose, vice-president, academic and Leo Tiberi, director of the Information and Computer Technology division.

Industry leaders or local businesses must register before Oct. 16 by calling (905) 227-5551.

Students use state-of-the-art equipment in machine shop

By KATHLEEN McARTHUR
Staff Writer

It's a sandblaster, drill and engraver rolled into one.

In the centre of the machine shop at the Wellandvale campus is a large red machine. The Matsura Handyman milling machine is one of the pieces of equipment that the Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) students use.

The program incorporates computers and machines where a program is written and put into the memory of the Matsura machine

Square-steel blocks "up to 15 inches by 30 inches by 12 inches are put into the machine to be etched or engraved," said Art Gill, co-ordinator of Precision Metal Trades at Niagara College's Wellandvale campus in St. Catharines.

Gill, who has been with the college for 28 years in March, is teaching the 40-week continuous intake program.

"We keep abreast or in some instances ahead of industry," said Carl Yeager co-ordinator of the CNC program, who has been with the college for 30 years.

The program was at one time a part of the Machine Shop and Trades Metal program before diversifying into its own program.

The students are using "state-of-the-art equipment" in the shop and in the labs, said Yeager.

"Programming the machine to sandblast the block of steel before it drills, lathes or engraves is the hard part," said Scott Grigg, 40, a student in the CNC program.

"If you don't program it properly, the machine will either shutdown or will not perform the sequence right," he said.

"The majority of the work is writing the program in the computer lab before they program the machines," said Gill.

The written program can be transfered from the computer lab to the machine by Direct Numerical Control or by floppy disk.

The program "provides good opportunities for placements at the end or before they finish the program," said Gill.

Students interested in toolmaking or the machine shop can start the program on any Monday.

In September, the program will be moving to the new campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Just punching away. . .

Laurie Allard, 42, of St. Catharines, is punching steel to start a welding exercise. She is a student from Thorold's Dana Canada in a nine-week retraining program at Niagara College's Wellandvale campus in St. Catharines.

Photo by Kathleen McArthur

Training program aids unemployed searching for career positions

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Another program aimed at helping young people find a job is now available.

The program was launched with the assistance of Niagara College President Dan Patterson, a Niagara Economic Development Corporation board member.

Called the Career Employment Preparation Program (CEPP), the program received the support of Robert Hue, an official with the provincial ministry of education and training, during a ceremony at the Niagara Regional Headquarters in Thorold on Sept. 22.

CEPP amalgamates four provincial programs aimed at providing assistance for youth, adults and recipients of social assistance.

The program's goal is to allow individuals to gain employment skills and knowledge to help find and maintain jobs.

"The goal is that of employability," said Patterson.

Services available through the CEPP are information and referral, employment planning and preparation, and on-the-job training.

CEPP was launched by Niagara College, the Employment Help Centre of St. Catharines, the Youth and Community Employment Services and the Employment Help Centre of Niagara Falls.

Rudi Masswohl, from the St. Catharines Employment Help Centre, said the centre changed its name from the Unemployment Centre to the Employment Help Centre to "help its image."

Masswohl says the centre serves the adult population in rejoining the workforce by aiding in job searches and career changes.

Brian Merrett, Niagara Region chairman, said, "The economy is improving as well as tourism."

This is a good sign for any person searching for employment in the region, he added.

Business fair set for Oct. 15

A Niagara Small Business Info-fair will be taking place this Wednesday.

Information on small business programs, services provided and partnerships offered by the federal government will be available.

The fair will be held at the Ramada Parkway Inn and Convention Centre in St. Catharines, on Oct. 15, between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission is free.

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Brock, Niagara in tourism partnership

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

For the first time, Niagara College and Brock University have joined forces to create a program.

The Tourism Management Professional Certificate program was launched Sept. 23 at the Maid of the Mist Centre for Hospitality and Tourism in Niagara Falls. Creators of the program are stressing work-place practicality.

"The entire design of the program is industry driven," said Laurel Reid, associate professor of recreation and leisure studies at Brock in St. Catharines. "We asked employers what they wanted and when they wanted it."

The result is seven intense courses on aspects of tourism management such as marketing strategies, staff and financial management and managerial communications.

Completion of six of these courses is required to earn the certificate.

Each five-day course is extremely intense, consisting of between 35 and 40 hours of class time.

"You're going to work," said Marti Jurmain, co-designer of the program and director of new product development at Niagara College.

Without a doubt there will be more joint programs — Jurmain

The program has a price tag of $750 per course, but Jurmain said it is reasonable considering the program is not subsidized by the government and is funded completely by its users.

She pointed out fees for comparable programs offered by private educational organizations are far higher.

"We're competing with the private sector," said Jurmain, ". . . $750 is a good deal."

Applicants must be able to show they have at least five years' experience in the hospitality and tourism industry with a minimum of one year in a managerial or supervisory capacity.

Successful candidates will become registered students of Niagara College and Brock University with access to services and facilities at each institution.

Jurmain said she believes this spirit of equal partnership will lead to similar ventures in the future.

"There will be more joint programs between the two schools, without a doubt," said Jurmain.

Anyone interested in applying to the program can call the office of the registar at Niagara College (905) 735-2211 or the office of the registrar at Brock University (905) 688-5550.

Key to success, more education

By ALEX HALMAI
Staff Writer

Nobody told the students they weren't expected at the college this year.

A change has occurred in the longstanding correlation between the unemployment rate and Niagara College's enrolment numbers.

It's unusual to see a one per cent decrease in Ontario's unemployment rate and a 3.7 per cent increase in Niagara's enrolment.

"The usual trend is that when unemployment goes down, so does enrolment," said Al Vaughan, college registrar. "When there are jobs out there, it draws people into the job market instead of school."

Add a 10 per cent increase in tuition and it seems unlikely this would be "the first time in 20 years there has been a reverse in the trend: an increase in employment and an increase in enrolment," said Vaughan.

Coupled with the government's funding cutback for programs, resulting in increased tuition, the Ontario Student Assistance Program's (OSAP) loans are now more needed by students.

The number of OSAP loans has increased by five per cent over last year's totals.

The tuition increase's effect, in terms of lowering enrolment, is almost impossible to gauge since there are "no numbers to reflect those students who wanted to attend the college but could not afford to," said Vaughan.

However, the potential size of the loan debt many OSAP recipients will have at graduation has affected enrolment. "The pressure of tuition and the size of the loans could be influencing student decisions," said Vaughan.

The shift seems to be coming from would-be university students.

"Early signs are that overall there is a decrease in university enrolment," said Vaughan.

Not only is the average university tuition twice the average college tuition, but "university offers a more general education. Much more emphasis is placed in college on job placement," said Vaughan.

Unemployment rates have decreased and the government has claimed the creation of 400,000 new jobs for 1997 nationally, with projections for another 300,000 jobs next year. Most of the "new growth in the economy is in knowledge jobs," said Vaughan.

With the change in the trend between unemployment and enrolment numbers, students are recognizing the need for a post-secondary education.

While the national unemployment rate hovers around nine per cent, the rate for those with only a high school diploma sits at 14 per cent.

Even the requirements for filling many production-type jobs is changing. "A lot of companies are hiring college graduates at technician or technologist levels to do production jobs which previously required a Grade 10 or 12 education," said Vaughan.

Longer hours at LRC

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

If your work week is eaten up by other commitments, rejoice. The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at the Welland campus is opening Saturdays.

"We're very pleased to be able to provide extra hours to the students," said Trish Labonte, 47, manager of the LRC.

The Welland campus LRC will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Saturday, Oct. 18, the weekend after Thanksgiving.

This year at the LRC, 12 computers have been added for Internet purposes. Students are allowed to use the computers for research purposes only.

All uses other than research are not allowed, such as chat lines, games, e-mail and pornography. The library staff occasionally monitors the screens, and students not using the computers properly will be asked to log off.

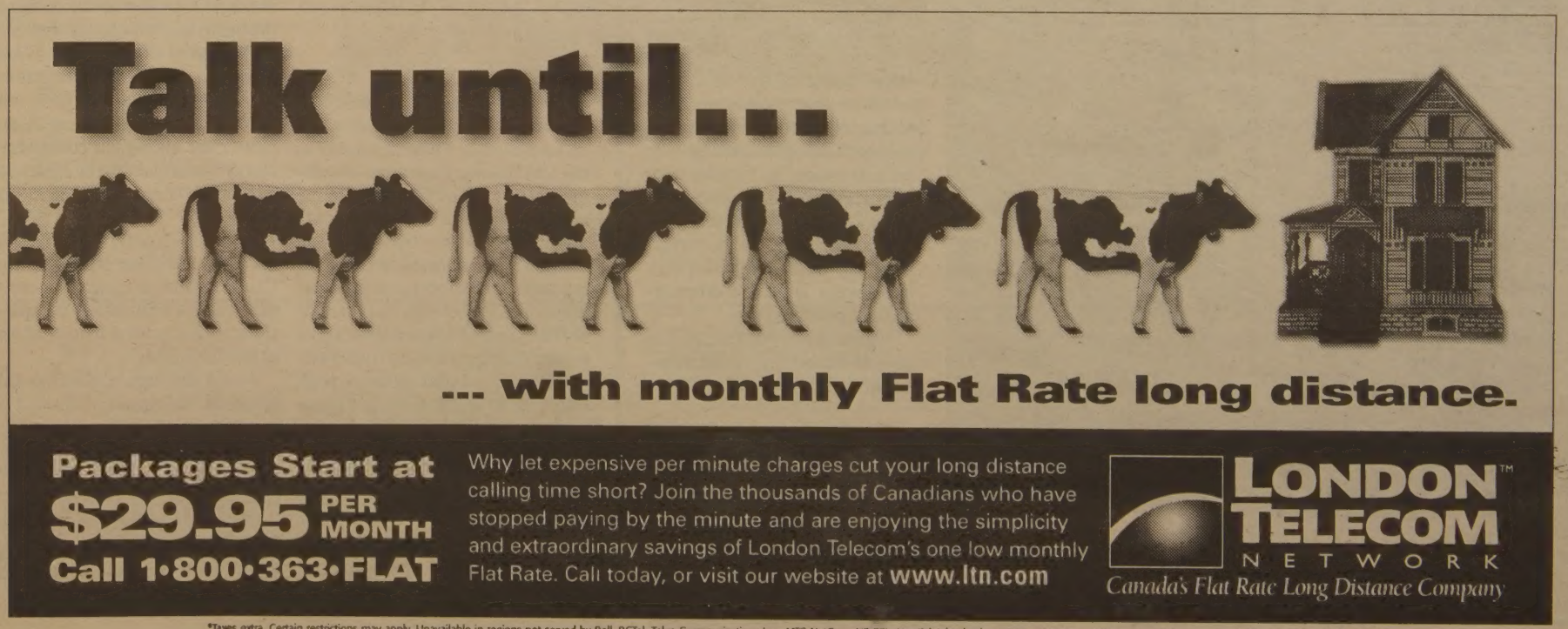
"Our stations are set up as generic stations, so that if members of the public were to come in, they would have full library service," said Labonte. "We consider it part of library service."

TRISH LABONTE

Because some aspects of the Internet are not available, the computers are just identified as research stations.

"They were purchased on our behalf by the student technology enhancement fund," said Labonte.

"Part of their support to students was to have research facilities. To have that kind of commitment to the student body has meant a great deal," she added.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Professor returns after traumatic accident

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

"It is a story of miracles—I should have died three times."

Aubry Bissett used these words to describe her long recovery from a traumatic auto accident that nearly took her life.

The human relations professor has returned to Niagara College after undergoing extensive, ongoing physical therapy and rehabilitation. Her warm smile and friendly demeanor conceal the pain that remains.

Bissett was driving outside of Great Barrington, Mass., on Sunday, Dec. 4, 1994. Heading to the Option Institute, she was taking a sabbatical leave after 20 years of teaching here. In the pitch-black darkness on the dirt road, she never saw the danger ahead.

An oncoming vehicle struck a deer, throwing the animal onto the roof of Bissett's car. The roof caved in under the weight, crushing her against the wheel.

The car swerved to the side, smashing through a stone fence, and continued to roll forward until it came to rest in the knee-deep water of a farmer's field, 200 yards off the road.

A bleeding, mauled figure emerged from the wreck. She had suffered multiple fractures to her skull, neck, spine and ribs.

'The car swerved to the side, smashing through a stone fence, and continued to roll forward ...'

"It felt like there were 10,000 blast furnaces on my back," she said, her smile fading for the briefest instant.

Bissett recalled staggering around, totally cognizant of her surroundings, her dire situation, and the excrutiating pain.

Meanwhile, the farmer who owned the field had called the police after seeing lights on his property. An ambulance and rescue team responded, and in two hours Bissette arrived at the hospital.

She emerged from a coma 14 days later. Her long road to recovery began.

People from the Option Institute visited daily when she was in the hospital, providing a "total network of support."

In 1995, she had recovered physically enough to return to Welland to continue her rehabilitation.

"It is a story of loving and caring," she reminisced. The professor returned to teach here in September, with the strong support of faculty and staff.

"I love being back in the classroom," she said with a smile. "The child and youth care workers are a dynamite group."

Asked if her ordeal had had any special meaning, she replied perhaps it could be viewed as a testament to the human spirit.

Looking thoughtful, Bissette said her experience had taught her that though "we can be victimized, we don't have to be victims."

Niagara College professor Aubry Bissett is happy to be back.
Photo by Jonathon Narvey

A Runt can be hard to ignore

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

There are strange new characters in downtown St. Catharines.

Bird-like creatures with wings sprouting from the sides of their heads, flying fish critters and funny-looking aliens from outer space.

You haven't noticed them yet? Check out the corner of St. Paul and Bond streets. That's where you'll find them.

These colorful cartoon characters are the work of popular Toronto artist Alex Currie, who goes by the professional name Runt. With help from some friends he has painted a large brightly colored mural for the Niagara Artists Centre at 2 Bond St.

Alex Currie works on a wall mural in St. Catharines.
Photo by Paul Jacksties

Runt's artwork has appeared all over Toronto in the past decade or so since he began his artistry.

He's painted the predominant murals for Lee's Palace, Sugar Mountain and the Bamboo Club. He's had indoor paintings hanging at the Cameron House, Jet Fuel Cafe and the old Squeeze Club, all in Toronto. He's also exhibited his work at two Lollapalooza music festivals and the Outdoor Toronto Art Festival.

Despite all this, the 37-year-old artist, who's never gone to art school, doesn't necessarily enjoy his role.

"I don't like being artistic whatsoever," he says. "I thought it was embarrassing to go to art school."

Asked about his Runt moniker, he explains. "When I started doing my art stuff I didn't want to use my name, Alex Currie, because I thought it was boring. I thought 'You have to have an image,' so I started signing 'Runt' to them because I thought they looked runty."

His trademark cartoon characters can be described in a myriad of ways. Bizarre and hysterical are good choices.

"I grew up on pop culture," he says of the origins of his inspiration.

"On TV. In music. On stuff like that. I never grew up going to galleries. So that is where I'd like to see my stuff, in a pop culture. In a mass media."

Downtown and upfront certainly fit that bill. Like the art or not, it can't be ignored.

Evening education domain of Zanutto

By JENNIFER COTE
Staff Writer

Foster Zanutto is a longtime Niagara College family member.

Zanutto, 51, of Fonthill, is the director of Continuing Education. He has held the position for five years, but has been a member of the college family since 1981.

He attended the University of Windsor, achieving his undergraduate degree in French and Spanish. He also went to the University of Toronto to attain a master of education degree.

Zanutto started his career in education teaching at a Niagara Falls high school and was there for 11 years, but "got a little bored in the high school classroom," although he concedes it was "a good experience and working with the youth was fascinating."

He came to Niagara in the late 1970s from a Niagara South School Board administrative position. He was a part-time Spanish teacher in the Continuing Education department. He subsequently started the languages area in the department.

He eventually moved through various director positions, including director of information services, director of marketing, and director of planning and development under former college president John Saso.

"I've moved into different portfolios, so to speak, to gain experience in different areas."

Zanutto said it was Saso who asked him to fill his current position when it became vacant five years ago.

"I started as a teacher and now I'm administrator of the department," he said.

As the director of the Continuing Education department, Zanutto's main responsibility is to market the 500-plus courses and programs offered to the adult learners in the Niagara Region. He also helps to develop and bring new courses to the department.

Zanutto said, "Down the road we expect to be constantly introducing new courses, new certificate programs and looking to serve new niches that are just being identified. We expect to see continued growth regularly over the next few years."

The enrolment figures are up 14 per cent over last September's numbers. There have been 7,000 registrations so far this year.

On the horizon are two new partnerships. One is with the company Productivity Point International. It will involve allowing Continuing Education to offer Microsoft training. The other partnership is with the Fort Erie Adult Training Centre, part of the aboriginal community, and involves Continuing Education expanding courses offered in Fort Erie.

"We are eagerly pursuing the development of our Open Learning Centre, which is basically a centre that teaches individuals computer skills, but it is all self-instructional on CD-ROM,"

About his career, Zanutto said his job is "fascinating." He said his favorite part of the job is "the excitement caused by the variety within the job, plus the challege of running an educational business."

"For the most part, the positives of the job vastly overcome any negatives. It's a fascinating, interesting job," he added.

Carnival held to raise money for charity

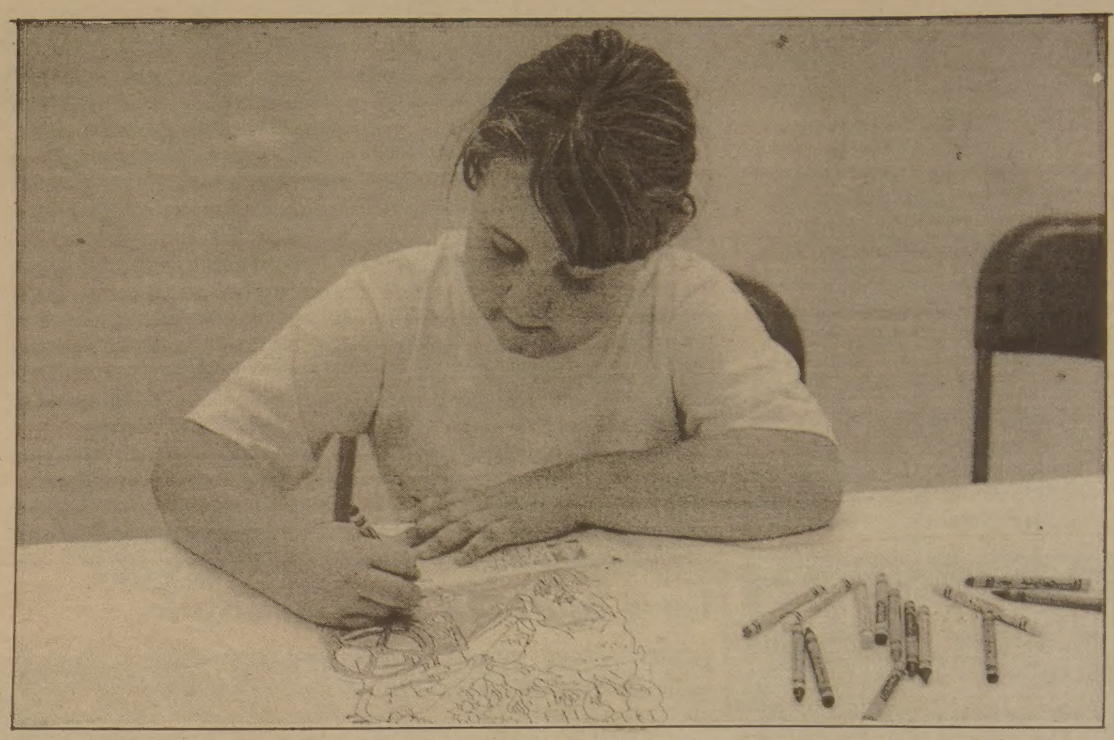
By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

The Ontario March of Dimes held a coloring carnival to raise awareness of the abilities of people with physical disabilities at the Seaway Mall in Welland on Oct. 3 and 4.

March of Dimes officials and volunteers were on hand as children were encouraged to color a picture, make customized buttons, ride in a wheelchair and pet assistance dogs specially trained for people who are visually or hearing impaired.

Adults got the opportunity to learn about the services provided by the agency and Assistive Dogs of Canada. Everyone also got the chance to enter a draw for two works of art by local artist Donna Gilmour, who used only crayons to create the colorful scenes.

Ed Telenko, fund-raising and public relations co-ordinator for the March of Dimes, said the money would be put to good use.



Melanie Cameron, 8, works on her coloring skills during the Ontario March of Dimes coloring carnival at the Seaway Mall, Oct. 3.
Photo by Kevin Harding

"Much of the money we collect goes towards the purchase of assistive devices," said Telenko.

There are also plans to use the money to aid people suffering from post-polio syndrome, a condition that occurs in polio survivors years after the disease has been overcome.

Sue Corcoran, March of Dimes Accessibility House co-ordinator, said post-polio syndrome is particularly devastating because it occurs in people who believed they had beaten polio.

"These people thought they had fought the good fight," said Corcoran. "Now they have to fight again."

Dina Conlin, temporary tenant co-ordinator for the Seaway Mall, was enthusiastic about the event.

"We provided the space and the tables and chairs at our cost and we gave them gift certificates to use as prizes," said Conlin. "We're glad to have them."

Photo exhibition brings out legend

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

He's a legend, a true professional and a great photographer. One of the most famous showbiz lensmen the world has ever known is George Zimbel.

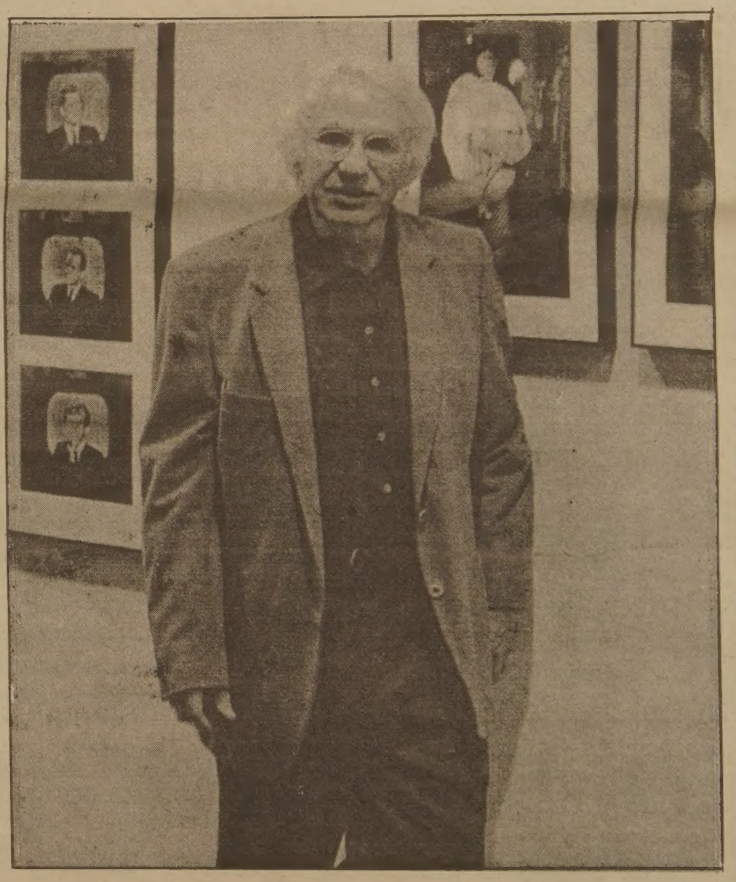
At his recent photo exhibition at Brock University in St. Catharines, Zimbel displayed photographs which have not been shown in nearly 20 years. These included the very rare pictures of Hollywood actress Marilyn Monroe during her famous "dress blowing up over the sidewalk grate" shot, along with his series entitled *The Box*.

This group of photographs has been described as "the first 'still movie' and shows the theater of the streets of New York, which Zimbel still photographs whenever possible."

Zimbel said one of the main reasons he first became involved in photography was that he is "interested in people." Asked if he found show business photography difficult, Zimbel said, "Well no, that's work. You have to have the proper credentials and you have to know the right people."

"I just see things the way I see them," said Zimbel, explaining his ability to "catch the moment."

Zimbel said he believes an aspiring photographer must have ambition in order to become a professional. "We used to just go out when we were young and shoot everything we saw."



George Zimbel poses in front of his work at a recent photography exhibit at Brock University in St. Catharines on Sept. 29.
Photo by Andrew Hall

As advice for anyone wanting to become a great photographer, Zimbel says, "A good photographer sees things in their own way, not how others see them."

The exhibit will run at Brock University until Oct. 31.

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The changing seasons and longer hours of darkness provide opportunities for criminals. Night time doesn't have to be dangerous if people take precautions. Don't make yourself a victim of crime.

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Criminals prey on victims at night in an attempt to reduce their risk of being caught.

To minimize your chance of becoming a crime victim, stay in well lighted areas and whenever possible, walk with a friend. Walk confidently at a steady pace and keep close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes and alleyways since they are hiding places for would-be criminals.

At home, people should assure doors and windows are locked and exterior lights turned on at night. Automatic timers should also be used to turn on lights and a radio to give the house a "lived in look" at all times.

Strangers should not be allowed into your home and proper identification requested from service people. You can't be too cautious.

Crime Stoppers has become an effective weapon in the fight against crime, but it needs the help of everyone to keep our streets safe.

If you have information regarding any street crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477 or 1-800-222-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you won't have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations and cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont., L2R 7A3.

Niagara College pitches in

By JEANNIE ORBAN
Staff Writer

The Niagara College family is aiming to raise $16,500 for the United Way of Niagara South.

"Yes, I do believe we can make the goal," says Trish Labonte, the college's Learning Resource Centre manager and United Way campaign co-chairperson.

The college began its campaign on Oct. 3 with a sports fan dress-up day. Teachers were asked to contribute a loonie or a toonie and dress as a sports fan.

Last year, college students, faculty, support staff and administration raised $22,386. The employees donated $19,127, including $2,934 during special events such as dress-down days. Students contributed $325.

So far, the United Way of Niagara South campaign has raised $153,440, about 19 per cent of the total goal. In this area, about 31 organizations and more than 70 programs are supported by the United Way.

Some of the programs funded by the United Way can be useful to Niagara students, including the Credit Counselling of Niagara, which provides free financial and budget counselling and offers debt repayment programs.

Two more programs include the Distress Centre's 24-hour toll-free hot-line that provides crisis intervention and support. The Community Resource and Action Centre (CRAC) provides emergency assistance with a soup kitchen and groceries.

'Absolute need' for licensing personal watercraft

By ALEX HALMAI
Staff Writer

A new study by an American journal has uncovered alarming news about the rise in the number of personal watercraft accidents.

The American Marine Association (AMA) estimates there have been 33,000 accidents involving personal watercraft between 1990 and 1995. This more than doubles the estimated number of accidents in the craft's 25-year history.

Although personal watercraft account for only eight per cent of all watercraft, they are involved in nearly 50 per cent of all accidents on the water.

Northland Recreation, located in Muskoka, has been one of Ontario's largest retailers of personal watercraft for the past 17 years.

"Most of the accidents we've seen are caused by renters," said company owner Bill Fullerton.

Although Northland won't rent personal watercraft for this reason, "there are many rental places you can walk into with a credit card and leave with a craft knowing only where the throttle is; 90 per cent of renters don't have the proper instruction or on-the-water experience," said Fullerton.

The AMA's findings have affirmed the strong and immediate need to regulate the use of personal watercraft in North America, where sales of the product have sharply increased since the early 1990s.

Bieda's Leisure Service, located in Pelham, has been selling personal watercraft for the past 10 years.

A major contributor to the problem "would have to be the rise of the number of crafts on the water," said Stephen Bieda, vice-president.

There is an "absolute" need for proper training and licensing, said Fullerton.

The AMA's recommendations also include a mandatory age limit and the use of protective head gear.

Along with a "complete disregard for courtesy and the rules that govern watercraft, the main area that leads to unsafe circumstances is steering," said Fullerton.

Since personal watercraft rely on water propulsion for steering, as soon as the driver releases the throttle the crafts become unsteerable.

"When faced with a situation where the rider needs to react quickly, many inexperienced riders tend to panic. Their first reaction would be to ease up or let go of the throttle, leaving them with minimal or no control," said Fullerton.

The industry has tried to increase riders' awareness of their responsibility toward safe riding. Most noticeably, Bombardier Canada, the world's largest producer of personal watercraft, issues a detailed instructional and safety video with each craft sold. Bombardier has also launched an intense poster and brochure campaign promoting safety.

"The entire industry is in favor of licensing," said Bieda.

"People need to be educated, to read the operator's manual, to watch the video and to learn the rules of the water," said Fullerton.

The AMA's findings should bring much needed regulation to a recreation in which safety can bring added fun not only to the riders but to everyone on the water.

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Lord Stanley's mug on display

Tara Johnston and Melissa Wolanski, both 18, from Niagara College, pose with the Stanley Cup at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, on Sept. 23 during a sports excursion. See story Page 24.

Photo by Mark Riehl

TIMELINES

President Wilson ignites eight tons of dynamite

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

• On this day in 1913, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson personally ignited eight tons of dynamite to open the last segment of the Panama Canal. Over 6,000 lives were lost during construction of the canal with most fatalities the result of fever or illness. The project required the removal of close to 46 million cubic metres of earth.

• On this day in 1967, it was confirmed that Ernesto "Che" Guevara was killed by government forces in Bolivia. Guevara had been an underground revolutionary leader and hero to popular movements in Central and South America. He spent the two years prior to his death in hiding.

• On this day in 1940, Nazi warplanes bombed St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England, completely destroying the high altar. Miraculously, the domed structure of the building remained intact and became a symbol of English resolve for the duration of the war.

• On this day in 1926, Rogers Hornsby's St. Louis Cardinals baseball team defeated Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees 3-2 in Game Seven to win the World Series despite a towering home run by Ruth.

• On this day in 1964, entertainer Eddie Cantor died at the age of 72. Cantor appeared in the Ziegfeld Follies before going on to star in feature acts with Will Rogers and W.C. Fields.

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Ribbons represent cancer sufferers' tears

By BRENDA BEAVEN
Staff Writer

White ones. Red ones. Pink ones. What do they mean?

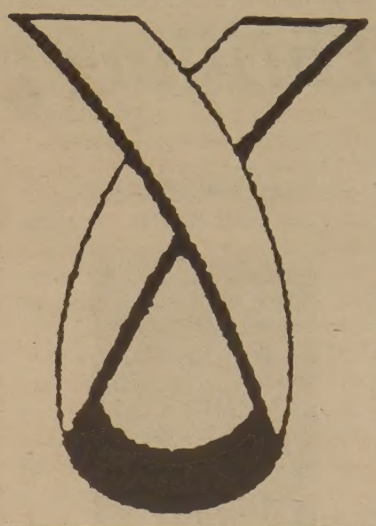
Everybody's wearing ribbons.

A red ribbon symbolizes AIDS awareness, a white ribbon protests the violence against women and a pink ribbon recognizes the fight to combat breast cancer.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Women and men will be wearing the pink ribbon in support of the search for a cure and treatment of the second leading cause of death in women.

The pink ribbon was introduced by make-up manufacturer Avon in 1993. The teardrop-shaped pink ribbon symbolizes the tears shed at the time of diagnosis.

Who is at risk for breast cancer?



Any woman, regardless of her age.

It is more common in women over the age of 50, women who have their first child after 30 years of age and women who start their menstrual cycle before the age of 12.

There are three ways to help reduce the risk of losing the battle against breast cancer.

The first is Breast Self Examination (BSE). The best time to check your breasts is about a week after your period. What you are looking for is any place on your breast which feels thicker or harder than the rest of your breast.

Start by standing in front of a mirror and looking for any changes from the last examination, any rashes, skin puckering or discharge from your nipples.

Keep standing. Hold your fingers stiff. Using the pads of your fingers make small circles back and forth across your breast in a straight line. If you find anything that feels abnormal you should see your doctor that day.

The second way to detect cancer is to have your doctor examine you during a physical.

The third way is by having a mammogram. Mammography involves the taking of an x-ray to help your doctor find lumps. Women between the ages of 50 to 69 should have a mammogram every two years.

If you have any questions about breast cancer call the Cancer Information Service at 1-888-939-3333 or the Canadian Cancer Society in St. Catharines at (905) 684-6455.

Proxy vote info for students

By KEVIN McKEE
Staff Writer

Mom, Dad, could you do me a favor?

This weekend you may be asking this question. Your parents can vote for you in the Nov. 10 municipal election. It is called a proxy vote.

If you live in Niagara College's residence you must "grab a form from your home town," said Donna Veltori, City of Welland assistant clerk. You'll fill out who will be marking the ballot on your behalf.

"A neighbor or a friend can vote for you as well," said Susan Stirling, City of Welland's vital statistics clerk. A friend can be proxy for only one other person.

"This restriction does not apply to parents and siblings," said Stirling. Immediate family members can proxy vote for more than one family member.

If you live off campus "renting an apartment in the city," said Stirling, "you can vote in that city."

Any inquiries can be answered by Craig Stirtzinger at the Welland city clerk's office by calling (905) 735-1700.

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Beach is an adventure

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

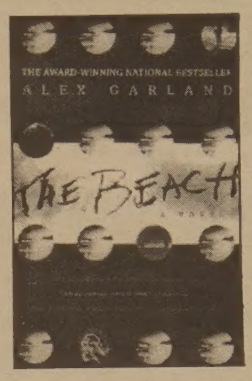
Mister Daffy Duck commits suicide and all he leaves behind is a map to paradise.

Alex Garland is a new author from London, England. In his first novel, *The Beach,* a group of travelers come together in search of paradise and those who have already found it.

The legend of The Beach haunts all who travel throughout southern Asia. It offers adventure, escape, and peace wrapped together with salty air and white sands.

Those who believe it exists are few. Those who succeed in finding it are even fewer. Some seek it purposely and others happen on it accidentally, but they all stay for the same reasons.

The Beach offers an escape from the pressures and boredom of modern society. All enjoy the peaceful



commune life of fishing, swimming and getting stoned.

Those seeking more adventure find it by stealing from the dope fields and dodging guerrilla fighters living on the other side of the island. For others a trip to the real world for supplies is an adventure on its own.

Life on The Beach seems to be a dream come true and no one ever realizes the way minds slowly start to slip away.

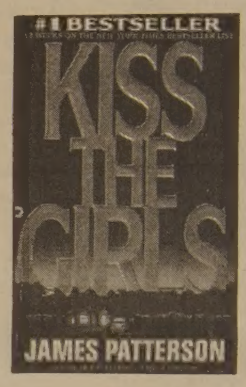
The Beach triggers the need to be free and the search for the greatly sought-after utopian world.

They all believe they have truly found paradise, but even dreamy Eden can have its dark nightmares.

This page-turner, filled with colorful characters, is one trip you will never forget.

Thrilling good read

By JENNIFER COTE
Staff Writer



Kiss the Girls is the terrifying James Patterson thriller that has been made into an equally terrifying movie.

Kiss the Girls was a 1994 bestseller and brings back the character Alex Cross, the Washington, D.C., homicide detective first introduced in Patterson's previous bestseller, *Along Came a Spider.*

The suspense begins as Cross and his long-time partner, John Sampson, investigate the disappearance of Cross's niece and realize she is not the first, or the last, young, bright woman to vanish.

Women are disappearing from coast to coast at the hand of a bold killer who calls himself "Casanova." Some of his victims end up dead, some don't reappear, and one, Dr. Kate McTiernan, has escaped. At the same time another killer, "The Gentleman Caller," is beginning his killing spree, mimicking Casanova's every move.

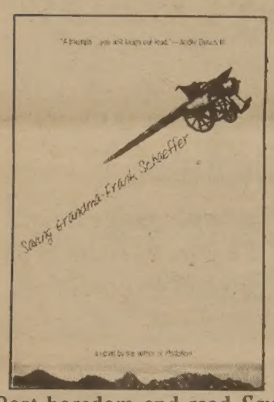
Det. Cross, with McTiernan's help, vows to find Casanova's human "collection," and bring his niece home.

Will Cross find his niece? Will he get the two killers? Are the killers working together, or, most terrifyingly, are they the same person?

Read this shocking book to find out. Also, be sure to see the movie starring Morgan Freeman as Detective Cross and Ashley Judd as Dr. McTiernan, currently in theaters.

Grabs reader

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer



Beat boredom and read *Saving Grandma.*

Frank Shaeffer's novel about a young boy's struggles growing up in a family of Bible-believing missionaries is humorous and ironic.

Calvin Becker deals with many challenges in his life but none as big as his grandmother who comes to live with his family after she breaks her hip and becomes dependent.

This novel is full of family warfare, longing, betrayal and true friendships

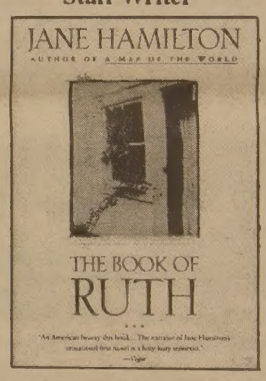
While going through many of life's changes, Calvin has to spend hours at a time looking after his foul-mouthed, moody and aggressive grandma.

He is constantly at odds with his family and longs to leave his home in Switzerland to join his beloved Jennifer in Italy. Calvin begins to understand his family less and starts to understand his grandmother more.

I recommend *Saving Grandma* to readers of all ages. This novel is full of family warfare, longing, betrayal and true friendships. It grabs the reader's interest from page one.

Find happiness in Ruth

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer



The Book of Ruth is about finding happiness in the smallest of things, finding hope when it is nearly non-existent and searching for inner strength in the worst of times.

Jane Hamilton writes passionately about a young girl, Ruth, who is pegged the "loser" in her small town.

Ruth tries desperately to believe in the words of the Reverend but her experiences make his words seem like lies.

Ruth is told she is stupid and ugly by her family and the townspeople. She accepts their opinions without a will to change.

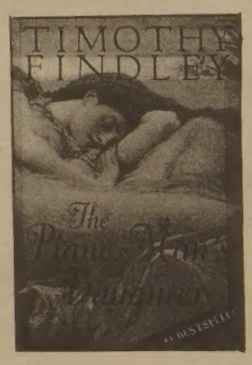
The reader is tied emotionally to Ruth because of the way Hamilton tells the story. The reader will get frustrated and want to give Ruth a push in the right direction. You begin to see the world through the eyes of Ruth in a naive, innocent way.

This book is published by Doubleday and has 328 pages. You may get angry and you may cry by reading this book, but it is worth it.

Hamilton lives and writes in Wisconsin and is the author of another book, *Map of the World.*

Laugh, cry with Piano

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer



Timothy Findley has created another enjoyable novel.

Findley's *The Piano Man's Daughter* is the story of a man searching for his father and deciding if he should become one himself.

Charlie Kilworth's mother, Lily, is institutionalized in the Queen Street Mental Hospital in Toronto for her slow mental breakdown. She dies in a fire, ironically the same kind of fire which has mesmerized her all her life. All that remains of her is a wicker suitcase, the case Charlie hopes may contain the secret to his father's identity.

Charlie goes through this suitcase, through the many pictures his mother collected over the years, guessing at who his father could be.

The Piano Man's Daughter, set in 1839, reflects on generations of a farming family, and the love affair Charlie's grandmother Ede has with a travelling pianist.

When Ede becomes pregnant and the pianist is killed, his brother comes in to take over the matrimonial place at Ede's side a few years later. He takes his place as husband and evil stepfather to young Lily.

With a feeling akin to Charles Dicken's *David Copperfield, The Piano Man's Daughter* will have you laughing one minute, and aghast the next.

Novel subtly crafted

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Any woman I know will find some praise for the wonderful novel *How Stella Got Her Groove Back.*

Subtly crafted by *Waiting To Exhale*'s author Terry McMillan, this novel allows a small peek into the life of Stella, a 40-something divorced mother of an adolescent boy, Quincy.

When her son leaves to spend some time with his father, Stella spontaneously travels to Jamaica after seeing a TV ad.

Along her purposefully solitary meanderings, Stella meets a 21-year-old Jamaican man, Winston Shakespeare, with whom she falls head over heels in love.

This novel is written in such a way I have never before experienced.

It reads as though Stella is actually speaking, without the overpowering use of grammar and proper punctuation that hinder. It allowed me a greater suspension of disbelief and let me into Stella's private thoughts and feelings.

I strongly recommend this book to any woman, or man searching for his feminine side, as a piece of light reading that will lift your spirits and let you know that sometimes dreams come true.

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Baldwin, Hopkins take you to The Edge

Alec, Anthony team-up with animal ensemble in this Alaskan adventure

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

The Edge is exactly where you will be when you watch this latest Art Linson release from 20th Century Fox.

After the first five minutes of the film, I was completely captivated. Anthony Hopkins and Alec Baldwin make the adventure of being lost in the wild into a riveting struggle to survive.

Hopkins plays Charles Morse, an intellectual billionaire while Baldwin plays Robert Green, a hot-shot fashion designer. Both are very different men forced to depend on each other to survive the trials of the rugged wilderness.

The movie takes place in the hostile Alaskan woodlands. The struggle begins after their plane crashes into the treacherous woods and the men find themselves depending on their wits to survive.

On top of everything, the two men are fighting over Hopkins' wife, Mickey Morse, played by Elle Macpherson.

Hopkins has to worry not only about being swallowed by the wilderness, but about being left for dead by his only human companion.

I found the film very interesting but as in all movies, the reality factor sometimes wore thin.

'It is action-packed from the beginning, . . .'

Hopkins' character is a man who knows something about everything. He plays your typical McGuyver.

Baldwin's character is a bit more realistic. If I were lost in the woods, my first reaction would be to cry. Baldwin does exactly that. He shows how a real person would snap under the pressure.

The most realistic acting in this movie was done by Bart the Bear. This furry man-eater made me decide I am never going camping again.

The movie was good, but I was expecting more. It is action-packed from the beginning, but there were still some weak points in its plot.

As for the ending, if you like your movies to end with a bang, this is not the movie for you.

Anthony Hopkins (left) and Alec Baldwin fight off a killer Kodiak bear in a scene from The Edge.
Photo by Joe Lederer

Food for thought

By CHER CIRILLO
Staff Writer

Writer-director George Tillman Jr.'s life experiences are the basis for the motion picture Soul Food.

Tillman shares with his audience his favorite childhood memories of the Sunday afternoon dinners his grandmother, Mother Joe (portrayed by actress Irma P. Hall), served to the entire family.

Tillman tells not only how these dinners were memorable, but who made them this way.

In Soul Food, the women cooked and gossiped while the men talked and boasted.

The family argues over almost everything, including money, marriages and careers, but the Sunday dinners seem to bring everyone together.

The movie dishes out not only dinner but generous helpings of humor, love, anger and wisdom.

Soul Food stars Vanessa Williams, Vivica A. Fox, Nia Long, Michael Beach, Mekhi Phifer, Jeffery D. Sams, Gina Ravens and Michael McQuarn.

This is a must see, real-to-life film. It's a movie that just might bring memories close to home.

Michael Beach (left) and Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds portray two members of the band "Milestone" in Soul Food.
Photo by Chuck Rodes

Pub crowd cradles Zuckerbaby

Calgary band gets college crowd approval

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

If musical diversity is what you crave, then Zuckerbaby is the fix you need.

The band recently played a show at Niagara College's After Hours on Oct. 7 showing it can perform fast-paced songs, then switch to a ballad without losing the crowd's approval.

Playing Happy Birthday for a girl in the audience to belting out an amazing rendition of *Video Killed The Radio Star* was an effortless transition.

Guitarist/vocalist/song-writer Reed Shimozawa said, "We don't get to be an active participant. I mean we come in, we play and then we leave so you don't get to see as much as you'd like."

"We can only judge it on how the crowd reacts to us and that's been great."

"We've been really happy about the turnout at our shows and the amount of appreciation that people seem to have for what it is we do, so it's been great."

The band members said they feel they are expanding in Canada but not the U.S. where their album hasn't been released.

'We can only judge it on how the crowd reacts to us and that's been great.' — Shimozawa

"Our fan base is actually stronger in the Metropolitan Toronto area than it is back home (Calgary)," said Shimozawa.

Currently on tour with Age of Electric, the band isn't sure when it'll return to this area.

Goldeneye sparkles with action

By JOHN PEAR
Staff Writer

Rare has hit the bull's eye with Goldeneye, its newest game for the Nintendo 64 (N64).

As James Bond, you can choose from an impressive arsenal of weapons such as rocket launchers, proximity mines, sub-machine guns, .357 magnums and tanks.

The animation is smooth except for the occasional choppiness in multi-player mode. The use of colors and textures is varied and the "fog" that plagued Turok: Dinosaur Hunter is reduced to a minimum.

Swiftness and accuracy are key as the computer's artificial intelligence is smarter than the average bear.

Instead of making you plow through enemies like Moses parting the Red Sea, this game challenges you to complete objectives to advance to the next level.

For a bonus, the higher the difficulty level, the more tasks you must accomplish.

This game has replay value galore because beating it on the easiest setting is a chore in itself.

Being Rumble Pak-compatible adds to an already enjoyable gaming experience since you feel every jolt from being hit by enemy gunfire, or unloading with semi-automatic weaponry.

This game is terribly addictive. Fans of the Doom genre will love it.

My Way loses direction

By IAN ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Usher: My Way fails in its attempts to make a good second album.

This 10-track CD tries hard to make a good impression of rhythm and blues and rap but it doesn't come close.

The first track, *You make me wanna,* has a good beat, but putting it at the end of the CD, in the form of an extended version, doesn't help Usher's career. What was the matter? Couldn't this 18-year-old artist come up with one more track to finish off the album?

You would think an album co-produced by Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds would have some good qualities to it.

This album was the work of three of today's hottest producers: Antonio "L.A." Reid, Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds and Jermaine Dupri. It should have come up with enough musical merit to produce a good quality sound.

BMG Music Canada says this is Usher's "comeback" album. Come back from what? Has anyone not heard of this artist?

Universal ticket offers Blind Date chance

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

Big band, small bar. This combination can only mean one thing: a Molson Blind Date.

As unlikely as might seem, the district manager for Molson Breweries has decided to throw a Blind Date in the Niagara Region at Niagara College's After Hours.

For those unfamiliar with the concept it works like this.

A well known, but secret, band agrees to put on a show in a small club or bar and allows a limited audience.

Now before you all go running to After Hours to find out the date and get your tickets, there is a catch.

You can't purchase tickets to this show nor can you just walk in and see it. To gain admittance you must win the tickets.

How is this accomplished? Simple.

You go to After Hours, purchase a beverage and get your universal ticket. After receiving it you have two chances to win.

First, you scratch the play area and win instantly, or you can fill out the back, answer the skill-testing question and submit it. A draw will happen one week before the show. The date for the show hasn't been decided.

A total of 150 tickets will be drawn. Winners receive a pair of full-color laminated passes.

If you win the passes and show up with a friend there is still a chance you may not get in because the doors are open only between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Then they close and a huge black curtain is drawn over the window. Winners are advised to arrive early.

No catwalk here

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Two hours doing hair, five hours doing make-up and the entire night before picking out the perfect outfit.

If this is your typical routine, then I have news for you — appearances aren't all that matter.

It doesn't matter if you're female or male because both sexes are guilty of this routine. Life is not a supermodel contest.

I can't stand seeing the same people at the school everyday with their designer clothes and salon-styled hair. Sure, every once in a while it's all right, but if your life revolves around your looks you have a serious problem.

Why is it so important to wear designer clothes and pile on the hairspray? Don't fall so easily into the beauty trap.

I admit I can be guilty of the style crime, but not every day. To me grades and comfort are more important.

If I wake up in the morning and feel low, then chances are you won't see me at my Sunday best. However, on a good day I may dress up.

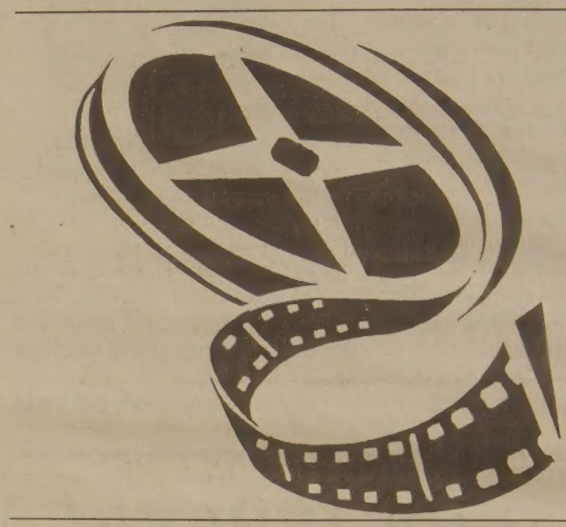
My point is I do it for myself and not to impress the rest of the world.

Don't be so worried about what other people think. Dress for yourself and no one else.

Remember life is not a fashion show and to my knowledge there is no catwalk at Niagara College.

Film students win bronze

Telefest competition



Niagara College is a winner!

Three students of the Broadcast: Radio, Television and Film program (BRTF) will receive film and video awards in the 17th Annual Telefest Awards presented by TVOntario on Oct. 16.

Telefest, Canada's premier student film and video competition, honors the best work of Ontario's college and university film and television students.

Glass, produced by the team of Mark Dossman, Josh Grant and Aaron Smith wins third place in the long documentary category and ties for best photography.

This year, submissions came from 166 students from 12 colleges and universities across Ontario. There were 11 categories: animation, comedy, corporate, long documentary, short documentary, short drama, long drama, experimental, instructional, music and news.

Entries were evaluated by industry professionals including animators, producers and instructors from TVO, Eye Weekly, YTV, Discovery Channel, National Film Board, the Ontario Film Development Corp., Seneca College and other organizations.

Awards will be presented to first-place winners in these categories and also to winners of the best of craft awards, a special jury award and the Jay Scott Award.

Telefest will be held Oct. 16 at the Atlantis Pavillion, Ontario Place, starting at 8 p.m. and followed by a reception at 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are $10. To reserve call 1-800-613-0513, ext. 2689. Ticket sales proceeds benefit TVOntario's Children's Programming Fund.

No love lost

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

Melodic rhythms and maudlin lyrics do not tell a love story.

Copyright's new album *Love Story* is a complete bore. It has a sound slightly reminiscent of Leonard Cohen with a touch of Sonic Youth. The music is well composed and played with skill but it just didn't catch my attention.

The band hails from Vancouver, B.C., although its sound doesn't. A biography detailed the band's punk-based roots, but there is nothing of this in the music.

In punk, you would expect to hear more powerful baselines, with a heavier guitar, mixed with some tough-spoken lyrics. There was no element of this on **Love Story** other than a few speedy baselines.

'Love Story is a complete bore.'

If you are into a slower-paced sound like the music of Sonic Youth and Mazzy Star you might enjoy this CD.

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Body image isn't everything doctor contends

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

Throw away your mirrors. Image isn't everything.

Boyfriends, fashion and the media are usually the sources of the images young and older women create in their minds for what an ideal body weight is.

The Niagara Network for Freedom from Weight Preoccupation and Eating Disorders (N-FED) presented the first in a four-part speakers series on Body Image and Eating Disorders, funded by a Brock University President's Grant,

The Oct.1 session was attended by area physicians and health care providers, psychotherapists, educators, individuals coping with eating disorders, as well as concerned family and friends.

The three-hour session began with Dr. Gail McVey, psychologist and director of the Ontario Outreach Program for Eating Disorders in Toronto.

The purpose of the evening was to promote access to continuous age-appropriate care for those suffering from illness throughout all regions in Ontario, said McVey. She worked for eight years at the Hospital for Sick Children and the Toronto Hospital and is now in private practice.

It was also to provide a collaborative network for regional centres to improve the community-based care of patients and to research their condition.

The session entitled Prevention, Treatment, Regional and Provincial Initiatives began with a discussion of body image and how a person comes to perceive that body image.

"Eighty per cent to 90 per cent of women and teenage girls are dissatisified with weight, compared to 40 to 60 per cent of men in our society," said McVey.

The media create an impression that women should be thin or smaller and men are to be muscular and physique. This impression goes hand in hand with social pressures that many women feel, she said.

In 1933, a beer advertisment depicted two young women. One

DR. GAIL McVEY

woman was plump and said there was no need to be skinny and the other a skinny woman who said that she was lonely because she was skinny.

In 1997, a beer advertisement shows a tall, thin model in a bathing suit by the water. The beer being advertised was light beer.

"We live in a fat-phobic society," said McVey.

As an example, she asked the audience this question: "If you walked into McDonalds and saw a thin person and a larger person about to bite into a Big Mac, who would you notice first?"

The response from the audience was expected as some said the larger person. It was said the larger person would not need the Big Mac.

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia are the most common eating disorders that affect women in our society. People with anorexia usually starve themselves and "50 per cent develop binge eating." Bulimia is a hidden disorder and bulimics are more at risk of not seeking help, she said.

Life experiences are often associated with eating disorders.

"About 85 to 90 per cent of people report abuse, whether being emotional, sexual or physical," said McVey. "Others report harassment or being rated negatively."

McVey concluded the session by discussing how to assess the patient and the importance of establishing a Turning Point program in the Niagara Region.

The Turning Points psycho-educational video program is specifically designed as a first-stage intervention for people with an eating disorder. It also deals with three levels of care. Level one is outpatient care, level two is intensive day care and level three is in-patient care.

The session concluded with presentations by Dr. Wilkes-Whitehall, a Port Colborne physician; Dr. Robbie Campbell, president of the Eating Disorder Foundation of Canada and a medical consultant for Homeward Health Centre in Guelph; and Sylvia Bambra, from the Bambra Health Systems, Inc.

The second session entitled Strategies for Teachers and Coaches will be held on Nov. 26, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Brock University Playhouse Theatre.

For further information contact Sharon Abbey (905) 984-5162 or Vera Krasovec (905) 682-6076.

Municipal advance polling dates

By KEVIN McKEE
Staff Writer

These are the dates and times for the advance polls for the Nov. 10 municipal elections in Niagara Region. Call the municipal offices for locations.

- Fort Erie 871-1600 Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 4, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Grimsby 945-9634 Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Lincoln 563-8205 Nov. 1 and 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Niagara Falls 356-7521 Nov. 1 and 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Niagara-on-the-Lake 468-3266 Nov. 1 and 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Pelham 892-2607 Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Port Colborne 835-5079 Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- St. Catharines 688-5600 Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thorold 227-6613 Nov. 1 and 6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wainfleet 899-3463 Nov. 1 and 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Welland 735-1700 Nov. 1 and 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- West Lincoln 957-3346 Nov. 3 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 4, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 5, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 6, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 7, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 8 pm.

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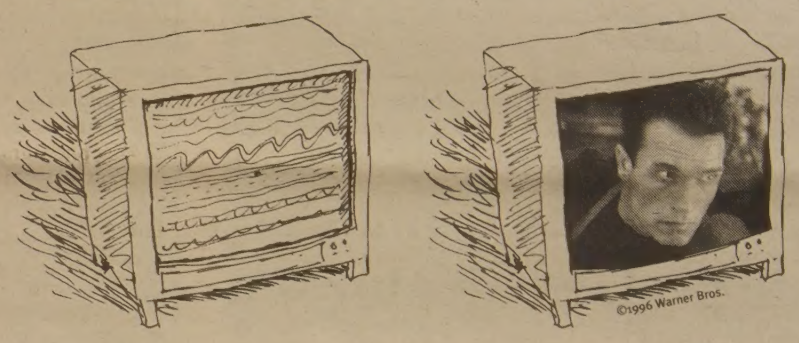

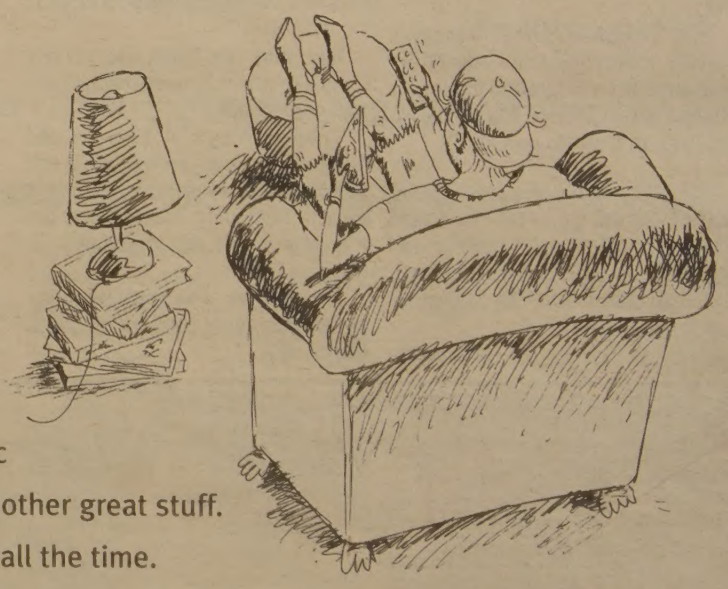

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Rookies leading the way

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

A fresh start to the season brings many fresh faces.

The women's basketball team at Niagara College is set for the new season with a team of three returning players and seven first-year players.

The team is coached by Brian Bliech and Tara Petrachenko.

"It's such a new team with only three returning players," said Petrachenko, now in her third year of coaching the team.

"Everybody will have to start working together, which will be our hardest task this year, because they haven't been together and there are a lot of freshmen."

Last year's tryout had about 13 players. During tryouts this season the turnout wasn't high and was different from last year's because at each practice new players would come out while others would leave.

"We have a pretty good team. It's up a stage from high school and I like the competitiveness," said rookie Kristin Davies, 19, in her first year of Social Service Worker program.

"Most of the rookies are pretty experienced, but it's a lot different from high school basketball and I think they're going to get an eye-opener the first game," said Petrachenko, 26, of Welland. "I am very excited about this season's team."

The team's first exhibition tournament is at Georgian College in Barrie on Oct. 17 and 18.

Women's varsity team heads south for volleyball tourney

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

A little teamwork can go a long way.

The Niagara College women's varsity volleyball team started its season with an exhibition game win at Niagara County Community College in Buffalo on Oct. 2.

With the help of good sets by Kim Clifford, good hits by Liana Collins and Laura Chatterton and good blocks by Kerri Hollinshead, the team dominated by scores of 15-5, 15-13 and 15-9.

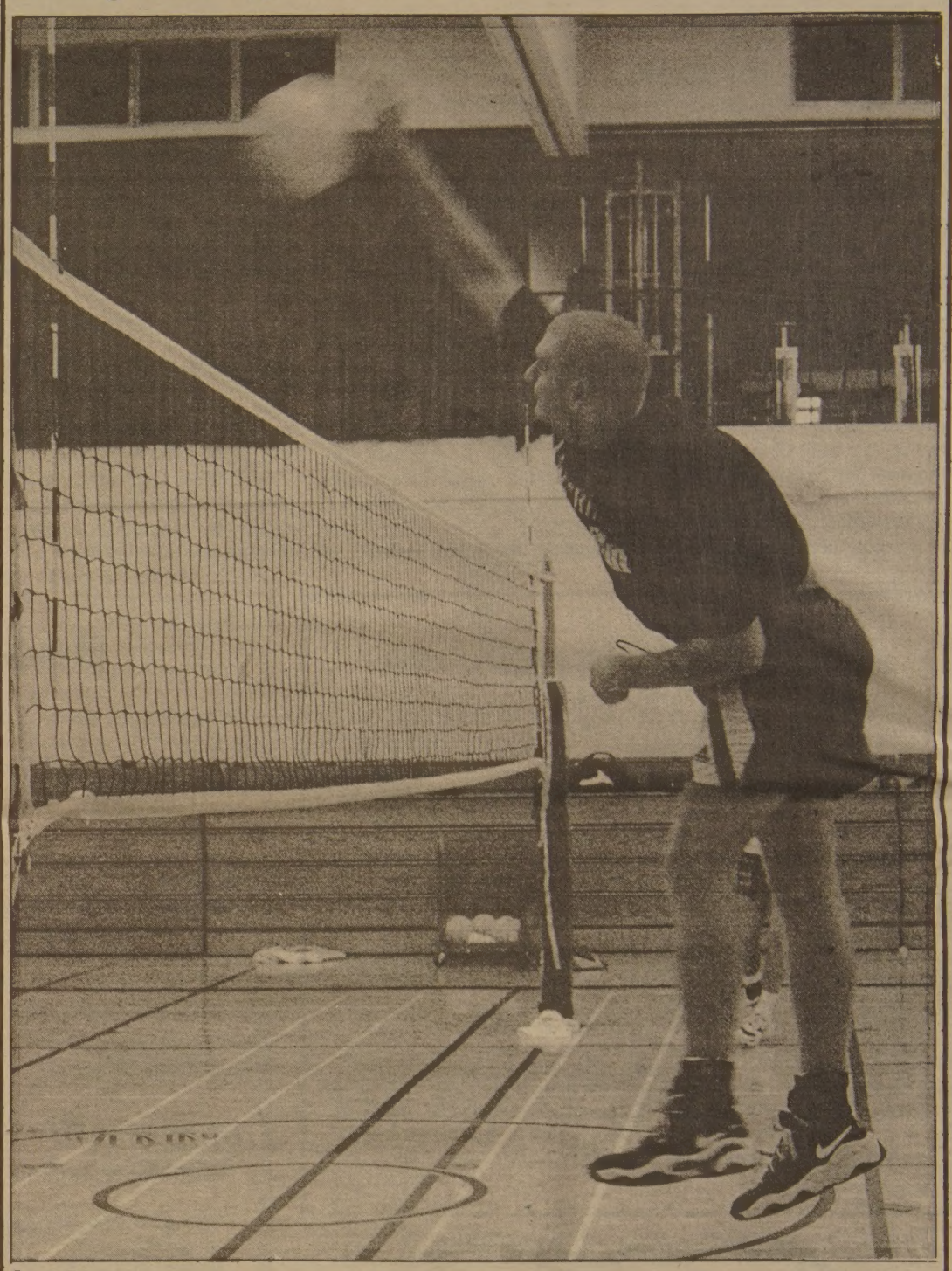
Melissa Barber, 19, a Niagara College Law and Security Administration program student, said she hopes to improve her game this year "in order to get some time on the court."

She said she finds the varsity level to be "much more competitive and entertaining."

Trinity Smith, a 19-year-old Niagara College rookie, said she hopes to improve this year. "It's great volleyball to watch. There are lots of hits and the momentum is exciting."

The team has a tournament today and tomorrow at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.

Getting some high Air Miles points



Scott Parsons goes up for the smash during a men's volleyball practice. The team will be be travelling to Maisonneuve College in Montreal for an invitational exhibition tournament during Thanksgiving weekend.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Niagara Knight's men's rugby team try some ball-handling drills during practice. Niagara lost its first game 74-6 to Brock University in St. Catharines on Oct. 8. See story Page 23.

Photo by Kerri Wood

Losing touch

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

It's a bad way to lose.

The Niagara College men's touch football team won two games and lost one at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) Regionals at Sarnia's Lambton College.

After crushing Toronto's George Brown College Huskies 48-0, and beating Sarnia's Lambton Lions 33-6, Niagara faced Hamilton's Mohawk College.

Niagara was leading the game 6-0 at halftime when their quarterback had to leave for a wedding.

In the second half, the defending OCAA champion Mohawk Mountaineers came back with three touchdowns and beat Niagara 21-6.

"It's a bad way to lose," said Niagara coach Randy Conlon. "When the quarterback left, we all left with him."

Niagara moves onto the provincial championships at Mohawk College on Oct. 18.

Conlon said he is "confident" about the team's chances.

"We know what to expect when we play Mohawk again. They are the defending champions so the pressure is on them."

SPORTS

Sportscaster pleads guilty to assault

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

To bite or not to bite. That is the question.

I believe boxer Mike Tyson learned not to bite after being banned from boxing for doing so, and now Marv Albert has lost his illustrious sports broadcasting career.

Marv Albert was accused of forcing a woman to perform oral sex by biting her. He pleaded guilty on Sept. 25 to assault and avoided the greater charge of forcible sodomy.

For 30 seasons he worked as the announcer for the New York Knicks basketball team and 32 seasons as a broadcaster for the New York Rangers hockey team. He also had worked for NBC for many years.

Why is it that the veteran sportscaster worked for NBC for many years and it only took them seconds to fire him?

The world of sports has enough confused athletes to deal with and now sportscasters join that roster.

I personally look up to sportcasters because they are the ones that give a sports event life and color.

The thing I don't understand is that if you love the career you have, you earn lots of money and you get to hang out with the biggest superstars in sports, why jeopardize that?

How hard can it be to keep your personal life up to society's standards?

Jays' season a disaster

By ANDREW JEFFREY
Staff Writer

"The Rocket" Roger Clemens launched his career in Toronto, but the rest of the Blue Jays were grounded.

Clemens was the only bright spot in a gloomy season for the Jays. Clemens, who was acquired as a free agent from Boston in the off season, is the favorite to win the Cy Young award as the league's best pitcher. When he signed in Toronto he gave the Jays one of the best pitching rotations in baseball.

Along with newcomers Benito Santiago, Orlando Merced and Carlos Garcia, he gave Toronto fans optimism, as thoughts of a World Series danced through our heads.

But as we all know now, the Jays' season has been a disaster. As attendance dropped, so did the team, digging themselves into a deep hole they could not climb out of. With Santiago and Garcia not playing up to expectations, and Merced hampered by injuries, the Jays were in a heap of trouble.

Third baseman Ed Sprague and the usually reliable Joe Carter had horrific seasons, and injuries to starters Juan Guzman and Erik Hanson helped the Jays become one of the laughing stocks of baseball.

As this woeful season came to a merciful end, manager Cito Gaston was fired, and Blue Jays management expects more changes to come before the start of next season.

So as another season passes by us, Jays fans can look forward to next year. And why not? With younsters such as Jose Cruz Jr., Carlos Delgado, Shawn Green and Alex Gonzalez emerging as great players, and with Roger Clemens in the rotation, the Blue Jays may give us optimistic fans something to cheer about next year. We hope so!

Air Olympics at Niagara

Air Olympics bring out school spirit

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Students ran, jousted, crawled and climbed their way to become champions of the first Air Olympics at the Welland campus.

On Sept. 30 and Oct. 2 the Air Olympics were held on the field behind After Hours. Six teams competed in the two-day event with four members per team. Each team chose its own name. Pocket Lint and Ding Ding's were two.

"I think the Air Olympics is awesome. It's a great challenge and brings a lot of school spirit," said Trinity Smith, a second-year Law and Security Administration student, and member of the Pocket Lint team.

'Oh, it was worth it, baby'
— Don Woodruff

The awards were presented on Oct. 8 at After Hours during Comedy Night. The $300 first place prize went to Team Wicket. The $120 second prize went to team Pocket Lint and third prize was merchandise going to the News Eliminators.

Redline Promotions organized the Air Olympics. Lance and Mike Coon, brothers, own the firm, which is in its third year of operation.

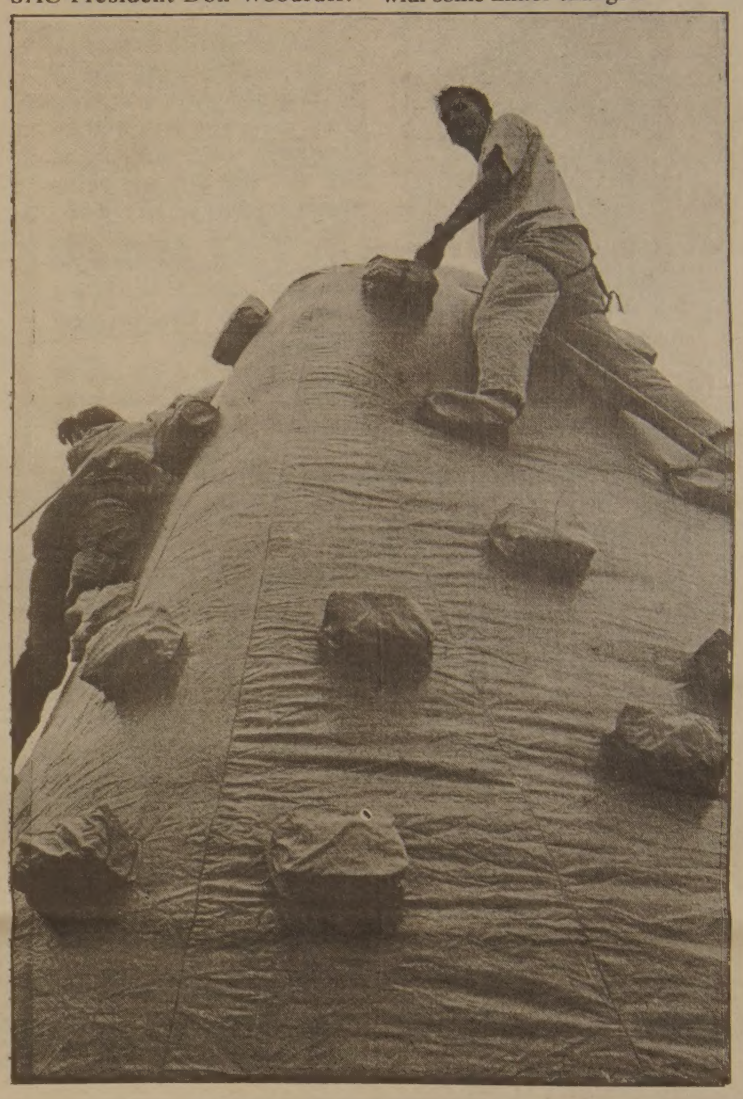
"Students love it any time they can get out and go crazy and be allowed to go crazy. Everyone enjoys themselves," said Lance, of Scarborough.

The five-event Air Olympics has an original cost of about $58,000.

To stage the Air Olympics here cost $5,000, paid by the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

"Oh, it was worth it, baby," said SAC President Don Woodruff.

"Everyone had fun, you better believe it. It went over well except for a little bit of rain and we will definitely hold the event next year with some minor changes."



Niagara student Ian Parker tops the mountain during the mountain climbing at the Air Olympics.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Niagara Knights men's rugby 'got their feet wet'

Brock defeated Niagara Knights 74-6 in first game of season

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Niagara Knights rugby team played its first game of the season against the Brock University Badgers on Oct. 8.

Niagara lost 74-6.

"I think it will be a fun experience," says Wes McLachin, a second-year Computer Engineering Technology program student, before the game. "It'll be a good experience for the new guys."

Before playing his first rugby game, Greg Hilts, 21, of Grimsby, says he was "looking forward to it."

Hilts is a second-year Recreation and Leisure Services program student.

"It'll be a learning experience," says Jeff Beaudoin, 20, of Welland, a first-year Business Administration program student.

"It wouldn't be the end of the world if we lost," says McLachin, 19, of Fonthill.

"I think that we will be as ready as expected on such short notice," says Reg Dent, 18, of Welland. "I think that the team is pulling together quite well. The guys are working well with each other."

Dent, a second-year Recreation and Leisure Services program student, says practicing only twice a week isn't enough for an upcoming game. "I know that it is hard to accommodate to everyone's schedules."

"Team practices are good," says Beaudoin. "We'll be as ready as we could be."

The Niagara Knights were defeated 74-6 by the Brock University Badgers.

"I was happy with the results," coach Joe Ventresca, of Welland, said after the game. "The guys got their feet wet."

During the game spectator Yvonne DeRusha, 20, of St. Catharines, said, "They've never played before ever, and I'm surprised they're doing this well."

A second-year Recreaton and Leisure Services student, DeRusha has been playing women's rugby for 18 seasons. "I admire their enthusiasm and their constant drive. With more game experience, the team will become challenging competitors."

Niagara's next rugby tournament is Oct. 18 and 19 in Lindsay, Ont.

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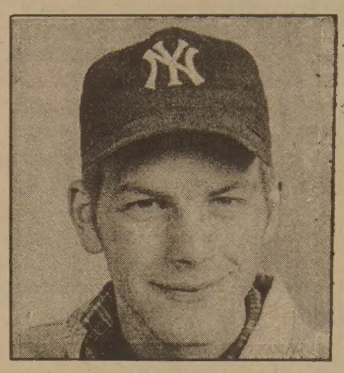
NASCAR versus CART: It's racing



By IAN ANDERSON
Staff Writer

NASCAR is unlike any other professional motorsports in existence.

Trying to make a sport fair enough so that anyone can walk off the street and compete is what National Association of Sports Car Racing (NASCAR) is all about.

Anyone who has a driver's license and knows how to operate a standard transmission can jump in an equally prepared American-made stock and race for three to four hours every Sunday.

NASCAR is not like Indy racing. There are no computers, no turbo boosters, and no foreign cars that are made by three to four different companies.

If you are driving a stock car around a mile-and-a-half track, you can bump and grind with 40 other cars on the track and still finish with a respectable spot.

If you are driving an Indy car on the same track and you try bumping and grinding with the other cars, you will end by breaking a wing, snapping an axle and tire off, and being unable to finish the race at all.

In NASCAR, you are protected by a roll cage and 3,000 pounds of steel. If you flip a NASCAR, you have the steel cage to protect you.

If you roll, you can almost guarantee you will walk away without any serious injuries.

In Indy, you drive an open-wheeled car with no protection except your helmet. If you roll an Indy car, there is nothing to protect you from smacking your head on the ground at about 230 miles per hour.

This is not to say that NASCAR is better than Indy in all respects.

Indy cars have resulted in important advances in auto racing, such as clutchless transmissions. They also have the best wet weather road-handling characteristics.

Nevertheless, I feel NASCAR is set up so the driver can win with his or her talent not by just a recognizable name.

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

Boring NASCAR versus exciting Indy Car. You make the choice.

As the Indy Car (now known as Championship Auto Racing Teams a.k.a CART) season comes to a finish, I feel the need to once again defend my position that Indy Car racing is more competitive, exciting and just plain better than Redneck Racing (known to most as NASCAR).

This year's CART season started with driver Scott Pruett taking the win in Australia. Yes AUSTRALIA.

The organizers of CART have worked hard to make the series international. This year it went to Australia, Brazil, Canada and the United States. Next year, Japan will be added to the circuit.

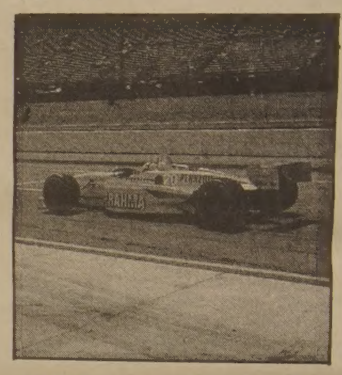
As for NASCAR . . . they are still racing only in the United States.

Another difference is the competitiveness level. In NASCAR, you have the same drivers winning every race because if you have a good mechanic, you have a winning team.

In CART racing, the cars are set up the same. There are a few different chassis and engines in use. If you want to have a good team in CART racing, you must have a skilled driver.

Think about it.

If a 3,500-pound NASCAR hits the back of another car, nothing happens.



CART driver Scott Pruett roars out of the pits during practice for this year's US 500 at Michigan International Speedway.
Photo by Dan Dakin

Who couldn't drive a bumper car around in circles for three hours?

If a 1,500-pound CART car brushes the back of another, though, both are flying into a wall at 200 mph. It takes skill to drive an open-wheeled CART car.

Now that all the NASCAR fans are upset, it should be mentioned that of the nearly 40 races in the NASCAR season, they do have to make righthand turns on two of the tracks! At least with CART the drivers are required to use some skill by driving on many road courses.

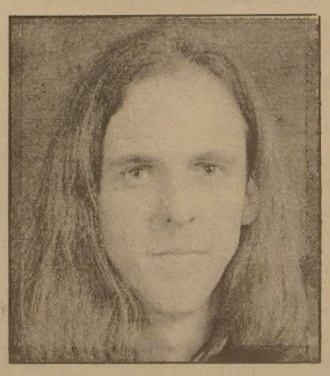
CART is technically oriented. While NASCAR crews are still using an old-fashioned gauge to check tire pressure, CART crews can monitor the pressure through a laptop computer in the pits while the car is still flying around the track.

For all of you still convinced NASCAR is not a boring, Redneck series, just take a look at Dale Earnhardt.

You know, that old man who talks like Boomhauser on King of the Hill.

He finds the races so boring he feels the need to sleep before, after and (by the way he's been driving lately) during the events.

Who's the best in the NHL's west?



By JOHN PEAR
Staff Writer

Oh the sweet sounds of hockey. How I missed you so! It's a brand new season filled with more twists than your average horror flick.

This week I'll gaze into my crystal ball to predict the fates of the Pacific Division teams.

Where should I start?

The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim aren't nearly as intimidating without team captain Paul Kariya. Opposing teams already know this is a two- player team (Kariya and Teemu Selanne).

This team isn't deep in scoring, so this will be a long season for the waterfowl. They might scrape by.

The Calgary Flames will need all the moons to be in alignment as well as having a healthy defence in order to see post-season play this year.

The Colorado Avalanche have it all: scoring depth, an offensive defenceman who can make the puck dance, and a six-foot brick wall named Patrick Roy.

The Avalanche could win it all this year . . . again.

The Edmonton Oilers are young, fast, and can score, but often forget to watch their own end of the ice.

Curtis Joseph is good, but he can't do it all himself. This team could make noise in the playoffs this year.

The Los Angeles Kings are plain brutal. The L.A. Dodgers could suit up a better hockey team. A top line of Josef Stumpel, Ray Ferraro and Luc Robitaille doesn't inspire fear.

This team should already start building towards next year. My condolences to Kings' fans.

The San Jose Sharks (a.k.a The Thirtysomething Club) are going to reach the retirement home quicker than the Stanley Cup.

If Patrick Marleau is the centre that Owen Nolan desperately needs, then this team could achieve mediocrity. That's a big if.

If some of the Vancouver Canucks' superstars could win as well as they whine then I guess they'd have the Cup already. This team is good on offense, a Lifesaver defence (there's always a hole in the middle), and three goalies who don't even approach the elite level.

Mark Messier will be the one that decides by his play if this team deserves another kick at the can.

Next Issue : The Central Division

Toronto seeks respect

By ANDREW JEFFREY
Staff Writer

The quest for respect has begun for this year's edition of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Last season Leafs fans suffered through a sluggish year of losing and dull hockey. But this year with a new General Manager (Ken Dryden), a new captain in Mats Sundin and a flurry of young talent, the Leafs hope to rebound and become a respectable team again.

Youths, such as Alyn McCauley, Kevyn Adams and Mike Johnson, add speed and enthusiasm, while free agents Kris King, Derek King and Glen Healy add leadership and experience.

Along with Captain Sundin, King (Derek), Sergei Berezin, Wendel Clark and Mathieu Schneider will likely carry the team's offence, while Jason Smith, Jamie Macoun and newcomer Per Gustafsson will lead the defence which ranked 21st in the league last year.

In net, Felix "The Cat" Potvin hopes to have a better season, he lost 36 games last year. Glen Healy should help Potvin shoulder some of the work load, and become a quality goaltending tandom.

For the Leafs to succeed this year they need to out-work and out- hustle the opposition. Also they need to play tougher. Last season bigger, tougher teams slapped the defenceless Leafs around the ice. Now along with Tie Domi and Nick Kypreos, Toronto added King (Kris) which gives the Leafs three enforcers, and a pretty good tag team.

Realistically the Leafs won't win the Stanley Cup this year, but if they can stay healthy, work hard and the young players excel, this team has the potential to make the playoffs and bring back some respect and excitment to Maple Leaf Gardens.

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Orioles will fly to a World Series victory

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

The regular Major League baseball's season has ended sending teams into the playoffs to contend for the World Series.

Of the four teams in the playoffs only one team will be crowned world champion.

The Florida Marlins will bravely face the Atlanta Braves for the National Legue Conference Series. Both teams had no problems in the playoffs' first round sweeping their series in three games.

The Marlins have a good team but which team wouldn't be good with one of the highest

player pay rolls in baseball? Who said you can't buy a championship?

I believe money buys you a good team on paper; that's the Marlins. They have big bats in their lineup but their pitching staff doesn't equal the Braves'.

The Atlanta Braves continue to have the best team in the 1990s. With their great pitching staff they should have no problem 'squishing the fish' and making yet another appearance in the World Series.

The American League Conference Series should be great. The Cleveland Indians will attack the birds from Baltimore. Cleveland has great hitters but were lucky to beat the defending World Series champs, the New York Yankees.

The Baltimore Orioles proved they could hit the ball by beating the Seattle Mariners twice by a 9-3 score. The Orioles' pitching equals Cleveland's pitching, making for a great series.

The Orioles should fly past the Indians straight into the World Series.

The World Series should see the Baltimore Orioles face the Braves in a great match up.

I predict the 1997 World Series champions will be the Baltimore Orioles.

Bills game 'awesome'

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

They paid the bills to watch the Bills.

It was a free bus ride courtesy of Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) when 32 students travelled to watch the NFL's Buffalo Bills take on the Detroit Lions Sept. 5.

Tickets for the National Football League game cost $35 Cdn. SAC picked up the tab for the roundtrip bus transportation to Rich Stadium.

"The trip was very successful and the students had quite a bit of fun," said Ajay Chugh, 26, the trip organizer and an After Hours employee.

"This was the first trip to see an NFL game through SAC," said Chugh, a four-year Mechanical Engineer program student.

"The trip went over very well and we will probably hold another football game next year."

The Bills won 22-13 over the Lions before a roaring crowd of about 79,000.

The spectators' seats at Rich Stadium, in Orchard Park, were on the 50-yard line but at the highest level.

"The trip was fun and the game was awesome," said Jenn Woodland, a second-year Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program student. "The higher the seats, the better the party."

Fans do the wave during a Buffalo Bills game at Rich Stadium.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Every Niagara News issue, the sports department will pick winners for two Sunday football games as well as for the Monday Night game. The writers' season right/wrong record will also be published.

The Niagara News' NFL picks

	GAME ONE Buffalo Bills at New England Patriots	GAME TWO Detroit Lions at Tampa Bay Bucs	MONDAY NIGHT Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins	SEASON RECORD	
				Right	Wrong
Andrew Jeffrey	New England	Tampa Bay	Washington	0	0
Mark Riehl	New England	Tampa Bay	Dallas	0	0
Kerri Wood	New England	Detroit	Dallas	0	0
John Pear	New England	Detroit	Washington	0	0
Dan Dakin	Buffalo	Tampa Bay	Dallas	0	0
Ian Anderson	New England	Detroit	Washington	0	0

Niagara students cheer Jays at Skydome

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

A day of fame and a night at the dome.

The first sports excursion of the year has come and gone sending the sport enthusiast to Toronto for a day.

Niagara College's Student Admisnistrative Council (SAC) organized a sports trip that included a visit to the Hockey Hall of Fame during the day and a Blue Jay game at night.

The trip, on Sept. 23, cost $18 for the round trip to Toronto and admission into the Hall of Fame and Jays' game.

"The trip was a huge success and went over exceptionally well and the turnout was great," said Anoop Chugh, SAC vice-president of internal affairs.

Niagara College students watched the game from the 100 level just behind the left fielder.

Roger Clemens was on the mound for the Jays looking for his 22nd win of the season. Clemens and the Jays lost the game 3-2 to the first-place Baltimore Orioles.

"I had a good time and the trip was fun but the game was dead because of a lack of fans," said Michael Berry, 23, a second-year Mechanical Engineering student. "I thought I was watching a golf game."

HOROSCOPE

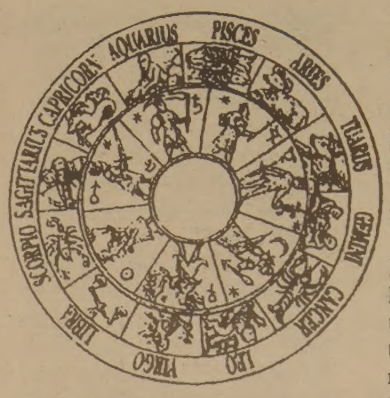
Time to make a big decision for Cancer

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Aries (March 22 to April 19) — Your schedule may seem overbearing lately, but only because you let it be. Take five, relax and enjoy the holiday festivities. An old flame will take your heart for a ride. Capricorn featured.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) — Family ties which may have been fraying will seem stronger than ever now. Enjoy the holiday with the ones you love and put your differences aside, for now.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) — Reality check. You don't have to do everything alone. Let that special someone know you could use the help. A certain Libra may be looking for such an excuse to get close to you.



Cancer (June 21to July 22) — You'll feel caught between your friends and family. Now's the time to choose which is more important. Be careful you don't step on too many toes or you may end up eating your turkey alone.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) — A love interest is on the downslide. That current flame seems to be dwindling. Don't fret as there are plenty of hens in the hen house. Rekindle your family ties. Spend time on yourself with the people who really love you.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) — It's time to start anew. You may have been feeling a bit low, but that's about to change. A job opportunity is looking brighter and romance is in the air. Watch out, though. Your quick tongue may cause more commotion than intended.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) — Your connections with the right people will pay off. Finances seem to be more stable. You may not want to let everyone in on your new ideas. Co-workers may cause you some stabbing back pains if you reveal too much.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) — Don't make promises you don't intend to keep. You can't be in two places at once so schedule wisely. Educational endeavors will land you in the presence of strange new people. Relish the experience and learn from it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) — Your friends may be asking for a bit too much. Offer only what you can spare. A romantic evening with that special someone is in the works. Settle your disagreements before you pop open the champagne.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) — You can't put a price tag on your health. Stop overdoing it and take some quality time out for yourself. Eat a hearty Thanksgiving dinner to regain all the energy you have been wasting. Table talk will open your mind to new ideas.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) — A new business offer will land in your lap. Be wary of its financial benefits. It may not be all it's cracked up to be. A certain Gemini may help in pointing out its negative side. Take the advice into serious consideration.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) — Gobble, gobble, gobble. The dinner invitations will soon be rolling in. However, these invitations are to you alone. Be sure to ask before bringing home the crew. Don't make a turkey of yourself or that special love interest.

Wordsearch

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving
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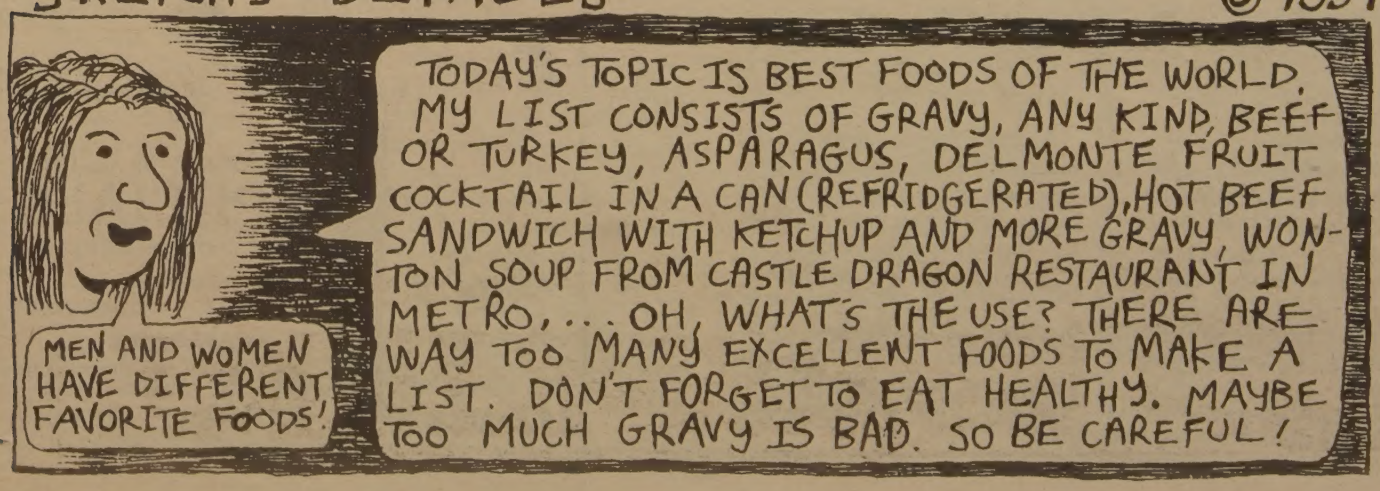

MEN AND WOMEN HAVE DIFFERENT FAVORITE FOODS!
TODAY'S TOPIC IS BEST FOODS OF THE WORLD. MY LIST CONSISTS OF GRAVY, ANY KIND, BEEF OR TURKEY, ASPARAGUS, DELMONTE FRUIT COCKTAIL IN A CAN (REFRIDGERATED), HOT BEEF SANDWICH WITH KETCHUP AND MORE GRAVY, WONTON SOUP FROM CASTLE DRAGON RESTAURANT IN METRO,... OH, WHAT'S THE USE? THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY EXCELLENT FOODS TO MAKE A LIST. DON'T FORGET TO EAT HEALTHY. MAYBE TOO MUCH GRAVY IS BAD. SO BE CAREFUL!
TRUE FOOD FACTS #1
CARROTS ARE GOOD FOR YOUR EYES. IT'S NOT JUST A WIVE'S TALE. IT'S SO TRUE... I THINK?

Students helping students through tutoring

By CARRIE WHITE
Staff Writer

College can be extremely difficult at times for many students. It can be hard to find the time to concentrate on grades and develop good study habits while trying to live from day to day.

For students having trouble, peer tutoring can help.

Peer tutoring is one of the core services offered by Peer Services. Through peer tutoring, a student who has excelled in a course helps a student experiencing difficulties in that same course.

Pat Cicci, the facilitator of the service, says students have said they couldn't have graduated without the help of their peer tutor.

Cicci says after being involved with the service for nearly 10 years she has seen "a great number of success stories" come from the service.

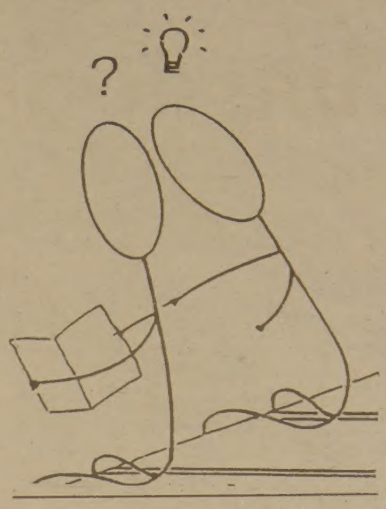
"The feedback I've had from students has been good."

Cicci's job is to hire students who qualify to be tutors and to interview students who need help. "Then I match them up as best I can," she says.

Peer tutors are paid $7 a period, "which is usually just short of an hour," she says.

The Peer Tutoring program is free for students as it is supported by Student Administrative Council and the Ontario Student Assistance Program.

Students eligible for this service must be borderline or failing in a course. Tutors must have a strong desire to help students succeed and at least an 80 per cent average in the course they intend to tutor.



Cicci says the students she sees coming in for help are usually first and second-year students, but occasionally there have been people in their third year.

The most common problem areas seem to be math, English, accounting and computers, says Cicci, adding "That's the only real consistency."

Peer tutoring is an ongoing service so January-Start program students can get the help they need from May to July.

There have been years when tutors have been hard to came by, says Cicci, but this year "I've got quite a few tutors."

"We're getting tutors here with very strong academic backgrounds this year."

However, that doesn't mean students will have all of their work done for them. Tutors will help students understand their subject better, but students are expected to do preparation work on their own.

"I encourage people who are having difficulties not to let it get out of hand," says Cicci, adding those who feel comfortable tutoring are encouraged to apply for the position.

Both tutors and students will benefit from this service. For students, the benefits will be seeing their marks go up and their study habits improving.

For students at any of the satellite campuses, speak to your counsellor about how you can get involved with Peer Services. Students here can get information pamphlets in SE103 or speak to Pat Cicci.

YACES connects jobless to business community

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

They broke the barriers blocking people from working.

A week of events designed to help unemployed people find and maintain suitable jobs was declared "a success" by Youth and Community Employment Services (YACES). It is a non-profit organization providing services to unemployed people.

YACES' new Welland location at 440 Niagara St., Unit 6C, was officially opened Sept. 23. Its other two centres are in Fort Erie and St. Catharines.

Between 50 and 60 people, not including YACES' nine employees, attended the open house, with "potential clients" walking in. A tour was available along with information about services. Speeches were given by former clients who have found and maintained jobs.

Carrie Kirkpatric, 22, of St. Catharines, is an employment counsellor in the resource area. A graduate of the Child and Youth program at Mohawk College in Hamilton, she said activities during Regional Employment Week were "a great success . . . we have never done anything like this before."

Participants enjoyed a scavenger hunt and a barbecue. A scheduled charity car wash was rained out.

Kirkpatric said the main barrier for unemployed people is speaking to possible employers. Activities were created to break those barriers.

YACES benefits unemployed people and possible employers by offering free services such as job postings, prescreening and access to a large number of possible employees. The Career and Employment Preparation Program (CEPP) is delivered by YACES and funded by the Ministry of Education and Training.

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Living life . . .

It was a great day for a stroll. Even the Shopper's Drug Mart Life bear took to the streets for the recent Grape and Wine Festival parade in St. Catharines.

Photo by Ian Anderson

Thanks for the food

Andre Wright, a second-year Culinary program student, flips over the Food Festival.

Photo by Mark Riehl

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Niagara College's programs set up shop at this year's Niagara Food Festival.

The Journalism-Print program last week published a Food, Fitness and Fun supplement to promote the occasion.

The supplement featured stories relating to the festival and profiles on the various vendors who participated in the event.

At the festival, students from the college's Culinary Skills program handed out the supplement while cooking up some of their own delicious treats.

The Journalism department wishes to thank them for their help in promoting the supplement.

Marilyn Monroe returns for film festival

By CARLY ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Marilyn Monroe has arrived.

The first annual Niagara Film Festival kicked off with a bang as organizers and local dignitaries gathered at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls on Sept. 23 for a $100-a-plate dinner.

Men, dressed in formal tuxedos and women dressed in luxurious gowns and fine jewelry, began to arrive at 5:30 p.m. as a dozen photographers madly searched for the limousine containing the dinner's most honored guest — Marilyn Monroe.

Although 35 years have passed since the 1950's most-beloved movie star passed away, Monroe's appeal is still evident. Arriving in a white 1965 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud complete with a uniformed chauffeur, a Monroe lookalike emerged wearing the star's trademark white gown that billowed up over her waist in the movie *The Seven Year Itch.*

Marilyn lookalike Lindsay Martin, of Thorold, obliged photographers and posed on the hood of the Rolls Royce for glamor shots. The car's licence plate appropriately read CLOUD 9.

"We're attempting to recreate the era (the 1950s)," said Larry Lemelin, owner and operator of Hollywood Airport/Limousine Service in Welland, who arranged for Marilyn's arrival at the dinner. "We want to make this really special for her."

The gala dinner is just the beginning for the Niagara Film Festival, which organizers promise will be competition for Cannes' annual festival in France.

"These are the tools for future film festivals," said Lemelin. "We want to put as much splash into it as possible."

The festival, which will be held June 5 to 14, 1998, hopes to draw large crowds as its celebration focuses on the film career of Marilyn Monroe. More specifically, the focus will be on her 1953 thriller *Niagara*, a film shot entirely in Niagara Falls.

Inside the hotel, cigarette girls carrying gourmet chocolates mingled with celebrities while many excited people had their pictures taken with Marilyn and another special guest — Miss Canada International Emily Ryan. The Nova Scotia native's jeweled crown sparkled as she graciously shook hands with party guests.

Although the Niagara College photography crew did not have vintage cameras, they got into the spirit of the days of old Hollywood by dressing in 1950's reporter's garb, complete with trenchcoats and fedoras.

The festival's opening may be eight months away, but the glitz and glamor have already started.

The Sheraton Fallsview, in Niagara Falls, had a very special guest attending their Niagara Film Festival promotion dinner. Marilyn Monroe showed up at the hotel at 6 p.m. and was greeted by a crowd of photographers and television crews. Lindsay Martin, the Marilyn look alike, put on her best smile for the cameras and played the part perfectly.

Photo by Rachel Leech